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**PART 2A OF FORM ADV: FIRM BROCHURE**

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*The Investment Adviser is registered as an investment adviser with the SEC. Registration with the SEC or with any state securities authority does not imply a certain level of skill or training.*

*Additional information about Ivory Investment Management, LLC also is available on the SEC’s website at [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov).*

## **ITEM 2**

### **MATERIAL CHANGES**

In addition to certain immaterial changes throughout, the Investment Adviser has made the following material changes since its annual update, which was filed in March 2016:

- Disclosures concerning Select Opportunity Fund, L.P. have been removed as the fund has closed.

Previously, Ivory Investment Management, LLC (“Ivory”) made the following material changes in the annual update to this Brochure filed in March of 2016:

- Disclosures concerning the Select Opportunity Fund, L.P.’s investment strategy were updated throughout;
- Ivory added a description of its gifts and entertainment policies and procedures in Item 11; and
- Item 14 disclosed a new non-U.S. global distribution arrangement.

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## ITEM 4

### ADVISORY BUSINESS

#### A. General Description of Advisory Firm.

Ivory Investment Management, LLC (“Ivory” or the “Investment Adviser”) is a limited liability company organized in 1998 under the laws of the state of Delaware. Ivory Investment Management was initially organized as a limited liability company in 1998, converted to a limited partnership in 2002, and converted back to a limited liability company in December of 2015. Curtis Macnguyen, who is the Chief Investment Officer, co-head portfolio manager and a founder of the Investment Adviser, is the sole member of the Investment Adviser’s Board of Managers. Mr. Macnguyen indirectly owns more than 25% of Ivory limited liability company interests and he, together with certain officers and employees of the Investment Adviser, indirectly own the majority of Ivory limited liability company interests. At the overall portfolio composition level for all Funds, reviews are conducted by Mr. Macnguyen.

#### B. Description of Advisory Services.

##### **Advisory Services.**

The Investment Adviser serves as the investment manager to private pooled investment vehicles (each, a “Fund” and collectively, the “Funds”).<sup>1</sup> Ivory’s Funds consist of (1) Ivory’s “Flagship Strategy”, (2) “Optimal Strategy”, and (3) “Long Strategy”. Each of the strategies above consists of Funds organized as a master-feeder structure.

Affiliates of the Investment Adviser serve as the general partner for certain Funds (the “Onshore Funds”).

##### **Investment Strategies and Types of Investments.**

The Ivory Flagship Strategy seeks to deliver attractive, risk-adjusted absolute returns with low correlation to market indices. The Ivory Flagship Strategy takes long and short positions, primarily in equity securities of publicly traded companies, and also invests in debt securities and other liquid instruments. The Ivory Flagship Strategy seeks to generate returns primarily from individual security selection (“alpha”) as opposed to overall market exposure (“beta”), and expects the returns to be derived from both capital appreciation and investment income.

The Ivory Optimal Strategy employs the same proprietary, bottom-up, value-based investment approach as the Flagship Strategy and invests in the same universe of companies and related firms. Although the Optimal Strategy has the same investment team and investment process, the Optimal Strategy seeks to maintain 1.5x the position sizing of positions held by the Ivory Flagship Strategy.

The Ivory Long Strategy seeks to take long positions primarily in equity securities of publicly traded companies. The Long Strategy may also invest in debt securities and derivative instruments. While the Long Strategy employs the same proprietary, bottom-up, value-based investment

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<sup>1</sup> The Investment Adviser also serves as a sub-adviser to a UCITS sub-fund, DB Platinum Ivory Optimal (the “UCITS Sub-Fund”), which is not offered to investors in the United States and is not a private fund, as that term is defined for purposes of the Form ADV.

approach as the Flagship Strategy and invests in the same universe of companies and related firms, the Long Strategy may, and does, have higher individual position concentration and maintains fewer total positions than the Flagship Strategy in light of the Flagship's mandate to hedge its long exposure with short positions.

The Investment Adviser utilizes a broad range of securities, derivatives and investment techniques, which include, among others: equities and convertibles; cash equivalents, including but not limited to short-term corporate or government obligations and money market instruments; market or sector indices; debt securities and instruments of U.S. and non-U.S. government and corporate issuers including, but not limited to, so-called "distressed" or "high-yield" securities; options; futures; warrants; swaps; index derivatives; when-issued securities; private placements of debt and equity securities; partnership or limited liability company interests; trade claims; and structured security products.

Also, please see Item 8.A for further disclosures.

The Investment Adviser and the Funds are authorized to issue shares/interests in the Funds in one or more different classes or tranches and in series of any class or tranche (or amend, modify or alter the terms of any outstanding class or series pursuant to "side letter" agreements with certain investors), as determined from time to time by the board of directors or general partner of the Fund, as applicable, in consultation with the Investment Adviser, which may differ in terms of, among other things, investment portfolio, redemption rights (including redemption dates, redemption frequency and notice periods), minimum and additional subscription amounts, permitted subscription dates, minimum and maximum aggregate subscription amounts, voting rights, management fees, performance-based compensation, investor eligibility requirements, access to information and in other respects.

*The descriptions set forth in this Brochure of specific advisory services that the Investment Adviser offers to clients, and investment strategies pursued and investments made by the Investment Adviser on behalf of its clients, should not be understood to limit in any way the Investment Adviser's investment activities. The Investment Adviser may offer any advisory services, engage in any investment strategy and make any investment, including any not described in this Brochure, that the Investment Adviser considers appropriate, subject to each client's investment objectives and guidelines. The investment strategies the Investment Adviser 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. As used herein, the term "client" generally refers to each Fund.*

**C. Availability of Customized Services for Individual Clients.**

The Investment Adviser's investment decisions and advice with respect to each Fund are subject to each Fund's investment objectives and guidelines, as set forth in its offering documents.

**D. Wrap Fee Programs.**

The Investment Adviser does not participate in wrap fee programs.

**E.     Assets Under Management.**

The Investment Adviser manages approximately \$2,275,974,785<sup>2</sup> as of December 31, 2016 on a discretionary basis. The Investment Adviser does not manage any assets on a non-discretionary basis.

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<sup>2</sup> This number excludes the UCITS Sub-Fund, as it is not considered a private fund. Including the UCITS Sub-Fund, Ivory manages \$2,503,984,526 as of December 31, 2016 on a discretionary basis. As reported in Part 1, Regulatory Assets Under Management, including the UCITS Sub-Fund, are \$4,388,513,526 as of December 31, 2016.

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### FEES AND COMPENSATION

#### A. Advisory Fees and Compensation.

The fees applicable to each Fund are set forth in detail in each Fund's offering documents. A brief summary of such fees is provided below.

##### Asset-Based Compensation

A Fund will typically pay the Investment Adviser or one of its affiliates an annual management fee (a "Management Fee") calculated and payable at the beginning of each month that is equal to an annualized percentage of (i) the sum of the capital account balances of all limited partners or (ii) the net asset value of each series of shares, as applicable. The assets and securities of the Funds are valued by their respective administrator in accordance with the terms of their respective offering documents. The Investment Adviser's valuation policy can be provided to investors upon request. As this Brochure is offered only to qualified purchasers, investors and potential investors should refer to the confidential offering memorandum of each Fund for specific fee schedules.

The Management Fees are generally non-negotiable, however the Funds are permitted to charge investors in the Funds a Management Fee that is lower than the rates listed in the confidential offering memorandum of each Fund. The Management Fee has been waived or modified for certain investors.

The Management Fee for an investor who is admitted to a Fund on a day that is not the first day of the month will be adjusted pro rata for that month for that number of days in the month the investor is actually invested in the Fund. In the event that (i) the capital account balance of a limited partner of a Fund or (ii) the net asset value of a series of shares of a Fund, as applicable, is reduced in connection with a withdrawal or redemption by an investor from such Fund other than as of the last day of a month, the Investment Adviser 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 month, and such Fund will distribute such amount to the investor.

##### Performance-Based Compensation

The Investment Adviser or one of its affiliates will generally be entitled to receive an incentive allocation or incentive fee (the "Performance-Based Compensation") at the end of each fiscal year of the realized and unrealized net profits (if any) allocated to a capital account of each investor or a series of shares, as the case may be, in the applicable Fund for the fiscal year.<sup>3</sup>

At the end of each fiscal year of a Long Strategy Fund, the Investment Adviser or one of its affiliates will generally be entitled to receive Performance-Based Compensation based on the amount by which the realized and unrealized net returns (if any) of the applicable tranche exceeds the "benchmark amount" for the fiscal year. The benchmark amount is the amount that an investor's shares/interests would have earned or lost during such period had such shares/interests achieved a return equal to certain indices, during such fiscal year.

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<sup>3</sup> For the UCITS Sub-Fund, management fees are shared between Deutsche Asset & Wealth Management and Ivory, and 100% of performance fees are paid to Ivory.



Generally, any net loss for a fiscal year allocated to a capital account of an investor or series of shares, as the case may be, is carried forward so that no Performance-Based Compensation is due from such a capital account or series of shares, as the case may be, in future fiscal years unless these losses have been recouped. In the event that an investor withdraws from a capital account or shares are redeemed from a Fund other than on the last business day of a fiscal year, any Performance-Based Compensation attributable to that capital account or shares, respectively, will be determined and paid or allocated, as applicable, as of the withdrawal date.

The Performance-Based Compensation received by the Investment Adviser or its affiliates, to the extent subject to the requirements of Section 205 of Advisers Act, is paid in compliance with Rule 205-3 under the Advisers Act.

The Performance-Based Compensation is generally non-negotiable. However the Funds are permitted to charge investors Performance-Based Compensation that is lower than the rates listed above.

The Investment Adviser or one of its respective affiliates will generally waive the portion of the Management Fee and Performance-Based Compensation otherwise payable by the Funds which are attributable to any general partner associated with such Fund and to any investors that are members, officers, principals, directors or employees of such general partner, the Investment Adviser, or their respective affiliates.

#### Redemption Amount

Investors in certain classes of shares in Ivory Offshore Flagship Fund, Ltd. will be subject to a redemption amount based on the amount redeemed if they redeem during the lock-up period.

Investors in certain classes of shares in Ivory Offshore Optimal Fund, Ltd. will be subject to a redemption amount based on the amount redeemed if they redeem during the lock-up period.

*It is critical that investors refer to the offering documents and/or other governing documents of each Fund for specific fee schedules and for a complete understanding of how the Investment Adviser is compensated for its investment advisory services.*

#### **B. Payment of Fees.**

Fees and compensation paid to the Investment Adviser or its affiliates by the Funds are generally deducted from the assets of such Funds. The Management Fee is generally deducted on a monthly basis and Performance-Based Compensation is generally deducted or allocated, as applicable, on an annual basis.

#### **C. Additional Fees and Expenses.**

The Funds pay certain expenses directly or reimburse the Investment Adviser for certain expenses paid on behalf of the Funds. The Funds are responsible for operating expenses which include, but are not limited to: (i) organizational and offering expenses; (ii) expenses incurred in connection with investments (including brokerage commissions); (iii) expenses incurred in connection with each entity's ongoing operations (including legal, administrative, internal and external accounting, tax, audit and insurance expenses); (iv) reasonable custodial fees; (v) interest; (vi) research and statistical services; (vii) certain extraordinary expenses (such as litigation); and (viii) research expenses and costs including travel related costs. Research expenses include, but are not limited to, the use of expert network consultants,

third-party industry research firms' research reports, the commissioning of research and other projects (e.g., market analyses, customized research reports), costs and expenses related to conferences or tradeshows at which the investment team seeks to gather knowledge to further their research goals, and other research efforts and activities that benefit the Funds. Additionally, certain investors introduced to certain Funds and/or serviced by certain third parties are subject to an additional investor service fee.

The Long Strategy funds may also include expenses or fees paid to any third party appointed for principal transactions or conflicts of interests (during periods in which the assets of the Master Fund are not treated as "plan assets" for purposes of the Employment Retirement Income Security Act ("ERISA")).

**D.     Prepayment of Fees.**

Please see Item 5.A above.

**E.     Additional Compensation and Conflicts of Interest.**

Neither the Investment Adviser 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**

The Investment Adviser and its affiliates accept performance-based fees from every client. As a result, the Investment Adviser and its affiliates do not face certain conflicts of interest that may arise when an investment adviser accepts performance-based fees from some clients, but not from other clients. In addition, the Investment Adviser has implemented an allocation policy and regularly reviews its investment allocations (as described in Items 11 and 12). The Investment Adviser, to the extent within its control, will not favor itself in any way to a Fund's detriment and will act in a manner that it believes over the long-term is fair and equitable to its Funds.

## **ITEM 7**

### **TYPES OF CLIENTS**

The Investment Adviser generally provides investment advice to the Funds and the UCITS Sub-Fund, as described herein. The Investment Adviser may in the future provide investment advice to separately managed accounts for institutional and other investors.

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### METHODS OF ANALYSIS, INVESTMENT STRATEGIES AND RISK OF LOSS

#### A. Methods of Analysis and Investment Strategies.

*The descriptions set forth in this Brochure of specific advisory services that the Investment Adviser offers to clients, and investment strategies pursued and investments made by the Investment Adviser on behalf of its clients, should not be understood to limit in any way the Investment Adviser's investment activities. The Investment Adviser may offer any advisory services, engage in any investment strategy and make any investment, including any not described in this Brochure, that the Investment Adviser considers appropriate, subject to each client's investment objectives and guidelines. The investment strategies the Investment Adviser 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.*

The Flagship Strategy and the Optimal Strategy generally pursue long/short strategies focusing primarily on a bottom-up, fundamental value approach utilizing proprietary analysis and models of the Investment Adviser. The Investment Adviser may generally utilize hedging strategies for the Funds, as more fully described in the confidential offering memorandum of each Fund.

The Investment Adviser seeks to achieve its investment objective primarily by purchasing securities trading at prices below the fundamental value as determined by the Investment Adviser and, conversely, selling short securities trading at prices above such fundamental value. The Investment Adviser seeks an investment thesis that generally is data-driven and quantifiable, where a pricing dislocation is expected to correct, or converge toward the security's fundamental value, within a reasonable time frame, based on the particular investment strategy.

The Long Strategy seeks to take long positions primarily in equity securities of publicly traded companies. The Long Strategy generally employs the same proprietary bottom up value based investment approach as the Flagship Strategy but may, and does, have higher individual positions than the Flagship Strategy given the Flagship's mandate to hedge its long exposure with short positions.

### 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 Funds advised by the Investment Adviser. These risk factors include only those risks the Investment Adviser believes to be material, significant or unusual and relate to particular significant investment strategies or methods of analysis employed by the Investment Adviser.* The below risk factors may not be applicable to all of the Funds. Investments in a Fund are speculative and involve a substantial degree of risk, including the risk that an investor could lose some or all of its investment in such Fund. Prospective investors should carefully consider the risks of investing, which include, without limitation, those set forth below which are more fully described in the applicable Fund's offering document.

*Non-U.S. Investments.* The Funds may invest a portion of their capital outside the United States in non-dollar denominated securities and instruments, including in securities and instruments issued by non-U.S. companies and the governments of non-U.S. countries and in non-U.S. currency. These investments involve special risks not usually associated with investing in securities of U.S. companies or the U.S. federal, state or local government. Because investments in securities and instruments issued by non-U.S. issuers may involve non-U.S. dollar currencies and because the Funds may temporarily hold funds in bank deposits in such currencies during the completion of their investment program, the Funds may be affected favorably or unfavorably by changes in currency rates (including as a result of the devaluation of a non-U.S. currency) and in exchange control regulations and may incur transaction costs in connection with conversions between various currencies. In addition, because non-U.S. entities are not subject to uniform accounting, auditing, and financial reporting standards, practices and requirements comparable with those applicable to U.S. companies, there may be different types of, and lower quality, information available about a non-U.S. company than a U.S. company. There is also less regulation, generally, of the securities markets in non-U.S. countries than there is in the United States. Some non-U.S. securities markets have a higher potential for price volatility and relative illiquidity compared to the U.S. securities and capital markets. With respect to certain countries there may be the possibility of expropriation or confiscatory taxation, political, economic or social instability, limitation on the removal of funds or other assets or the repatriation of profits, restrictions on investment opportunities, the imposition of trading controls, withholding or other taxes on interest, dividends, capital gain, other income or gross sale or disposition proceeds, import duties or other protectionist measures, various laws enacted for the protection of creditors, greater risks of nationalization or diplomatic developments which could adversely affect the Funds' investments in those countries.

*Small and Medium Capitalization Companies.* A portion of the Funds' assets may be invested in the stocks of companies with small- to medium-sized market capitalizations. Those stocks, particularly smaller-capitalization stocks, may involve higher risks than do investments in stocks of larger companies. For example, prices of small-capitalization and even medium-capitalization stocks are often more volatile than prices of large-capitalization stocks and the risk of bankruptcy or insolvency of smaller companies (with the attendant losses to investors) may be higher than for larger, "blue-chip" companies. In addition, due to thin trading in some small-capitalization stocks, an investment in those stocks may be illiquid.

*Diversification Risk.* The Funds may, in the discretion of the Investment Adviser, invest in a limited number of investments. A consequence of the limited number of investments is that the aggregate returns realized by the Funds may be substantially adversely affected by the unfavorable performance of a small number of such investments. The Funds generally do not have fixed guidelines for, or hard limits on, diversification of its investments, and investments could potentially be concentrated in relatively few companies and markets.

*Highly Volatile Markets.* The prices of the Funds' investments, including, without limitation, common equity and related equity derivative instruments, high yield securities, convertible bonds, and other derivatives, including futures and option prices, can be highly volatile. Price movements of forward, futures and other derivative contracts in which the Funds' assets may be invested 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, directly and by regulation, in certain markets, particularly those in government bonds, currencies, financial instruments, futures and options. Such intervention often is intended directly to influence prices and may, together with other factors, cause all of such markets to move rapidly in the same direction because of, among other things, interest rate fluctuations. The Funds are also subject to the risk of the failure of any exchanges on which its positions trade or of its clearinghouses.

*Leverage.* Certain Funds may utilize leverage in their investment strategy. Leverage may take the form of loans for borrowed money (e.g., margin loans), and derivative securities and instruments that are inherently leveraged, including options, futures, forward contracts, swaps and repurchase agreements. The use of leverage by a Fund can substantially increase the market exposure (and market risk) to which such Fund's investment portfolio may be subject. Trading on leverage results in interest charges or costs, which may be explicit (in the case of loans) or implicit (in the case of many derivative instruments) and, depending on the amount of leverage, such charges or costs could be substantial. The level of interest rates generally, and the rates at which a Fund can leverage in particular, can affect the operating results of such Fund.

A Fund's anticipated use of short-term margin borrowings results in certain additional risks to the Fund. For example, should the securities pledged to brokers to secure a Fund's margin accounts decline in value, the Fund could be subject to a "margin call", pursuant to which the Fund would be required either to deposit additional funds with the broker or to 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 Fund's assets, the Fund might not be able to liquidate assets quickly enough to pay off its margin debt.

*Short Sales.* Certain Funds engage in short selling. Short selling involves selling securities that may or may not be owned by the seller and borrowing the same securities for delivery to the purchaser, with an obligation to replace the borrowed securities at a later date. Short selling allows the investor to profit from declines in the value of securities. 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 of buying those securities to cover the short position. There can be no assurance that the security necessary to cover a short position will be available for purchase. Purchasing securities to close out the short position can itself cause the price of the securities to rise further, thereby exacerbating the loss. Securities may be sold short by a Fund in a long/short strategy to hedge a long position, or to enable a Fund to express a view as to the relative value between the long and short positions. There is no assurance that the objectives of these strategies will be achieved, or specifically that the long position will not decrease in value and the short position will not increase in value, causing a Fund losses on both components of the transaction. In addition, when a Fund effects a short sale, it may be obligated to leave the proceeds thereof with the broker and also deposit with the broker an amount of cash or other securities (subject to requirements of applicable law) that is sufficient under any applicable margin or similar regulations to collateralize its obligation to replace the borrowed securities that have been sold.

*Currencies.* The Funds may from time to time invest a portion of their assets in non-U.S. equity securities and instruments or in securities or instruments denominated in non-U.S. currencies, the

prices of which will be determined with reference to currencies other than the U.S. dollar. The Funds will, however, value their securities and other assets in U.S. dollars. A Fund may also invest in equity securities and instruments of U.S. companies with foreign currency exposure. A Fund may or may not seek to hedge all or any portion of its non-U.S. currency exposure. To the extent such positions are unhedged, the value of the Fund's assets may fluctuate with U.S. dollar exchange rates as well as the price changes of the Fund's investments in the various local markets and currencies. Among the factors that may affect currency values are trade balances, the level of short-term interest rates, differences in relative values of similar assets in different currencies, long-term opportunities for investment and capital appreciation and political developments. An increase in the value of the U.S. dollar compared to the other currencies in which a Fund makes its investments will reduce the effect of increases and magnify the effect of decreases in the prices of the Fund's securities in their local markets. A Fund could realize a net loss on an investment, even if there were a gain on the underlying investment before currency losses were taken into account. The Funds may seek to hedge currency risks by investing in currencies, currency futures contracts and options on currency futures contracts, forward currency exchange contracts, swaps, swaptions or any combination thereof (whether or not exchange traded), but there can be no assurance that these strategies will be effective, and such techniques entail costs and additional risks.

*Hedging Transactions.* The Funds may or may not employ hedging techniques. These techniques could involve a variety of derivative transactions, including swaps, futures contracts, exchange-listed and over-the-counter put and call options on securities, instruments or on financial indices, forward non-U.S. currency contracts, and various interest rate and foreign exchange transactions (collectively, "Hedging Instruments"). Hedging techniques involve risks different than those of underlying investments. In particular, the variable degree of correlation between price movements of Hedging Instruments and price movements in the position being hedged creates the possibility that losses on the hedge may be greater than gains in the value of a Fund's positions. In addition, certain Hedging Instruments and markets may not be liquid in all circumstances. As a result, in volatile markets, the Funds may not be able to close out a transaction in certain of these instruments without incurring losses substantially greater than the initial deposit. Although the contemplated use of Hedging Instruments should tend to minimize the risk of loss due to a decline in the value of the hedged position, at the same time they tend to limit any potential gain which might result from an increase in the value of such position. The ability of the Funds to hedge successfully will depend on the Investment Adviser's ability to predict pertinent market movements, which cannot be assured. In addition, it is not possible to hedge fully or perfectly against currency fluctuations affecting the value of securities denominated in non-U.S. currencies because the value of those securities is likely to fluctuate as a result of independent factors not related to currency fluctuations. Finally, the daily variation margin requirements in futures contracts that may be sold by a Fund would create an ongoing greater potential financial risk than would options transactions, where the exposure is limited to the cost of the initial premium and transaction costs paid by the Fund. The Investment Adviser is not required to attempt to hedge portfolio positions of the Funds and for various reasons, may determine not to do so.

*Insolvency Considerations with Respect to Issuers of Indebtedness.* Various laws enacted for the protection of creditors may apply to indebtedness, including convertible debt, in which the Funds invest. The information in this and the following paragraph is applicable with respect to U.S. issuers subject to United States federal bankruptcy law. Insolvency considerations may differ with respect to other issuers. If a court in a lawsuit brought by an unpaid creditor or representative of creditors of an issuer of indebtedness, such as a trustee in bankruptcy, were to find that the issuer did not receive fair consideration or reasonably equivalent value for incurring the indebtedness, and after giving effect to such indebtedness, the issuer (i) was insolvent, (ii) was engaged in a business for which the remaining assets of such issuer constituted unreasonably small capital or (iii) intended to incur, or believed that it would incur, debts beyond its ability to pay such debts as they mature, such court could determine to invalidate, in whole or in part, such indebtedness as a fraudulent conveyance, to subordinate such



indebtedness to existing or future creditors of such issuer, or to recover amounts previously paid by such issuer in satisfaction of such indebtedness. The measure of insolvency for purposes of the foregoing will vary. Generally, an issuer would be considered insolvent at a particular time if the sum of its debts were then greater than all of its property at a fair valuation, or if the present fair saleable value of its assets was then less than the amount that would be required to pay its probable liabilities on its existing debts as they became absolute and matured. There can be no assurance as to what standard a court would apply in order to determine whether the issuer was “insolvent” after giving effect to the incurrence of the indebtedness in which the Funds invested or that, regardless of the method of valuation, a court would not determine that the issuer was “insolvent” upon giving effect to such incurrence. In addition, in the event of the insolvency of an issuer of indebtedness in which a Fund invests, payments made on such indebtedness could be subject to avoidance as a “preference” if made within a certain period of time (which may be as long as one year) before insolvency. In general, if payments on indebtedness are avoidable, whether as fraudulent conveyances or preferences, such payments can be recaptured from the Funds.

Indebtedness consisting of obligations of non-U.S. issuers may be subject to various laws enacted in the countries of their issuance for the protection of creditors. These insolvency considerations will differ depending on the country in which each issuer is located or domiciled and may differ depending on whether the issuer is a non-sovereign or a sovereign entity.

*Fund Turnover.* The turnover rate of the Funds’ investment portfolios may be significant, potentially involving substantial brokerage commissions and fees and other transaction costs.

*Risk Control Framework.* The Investment Adviser has implemented a risk control system to help the Funds manage their risk exposure. No risk control system is fail-safe, and no assurance can be given that the Investment Adviser’s risk control frameworks will achieve their objectives. The target risk limits developed by the Investment Adviser generally will be based upon historical trading patterns for the instruments in which the Funds trade and will rely upon pricing models for the behavior of the instruments in response to various changes in market conditions. No assurance can be given that the historical trading patterns will accurately predict future trading patterns or that the pricing models will necessarily accurately predict the manner in which the instruments are priced in financial markets in the future.

*Cybersecurity Risk.* As part of its business, the Investment Adviser processes, stores and transmits large amounts of electronic information, including information relating to the transactions of the Funds and personally identifiable information of the investors. Similarly, service providers of the Investment Adviser or the Funds, especially the fund administrators, may process, store and transmit such information. The Investment Adviser has procedures and systems in place that it believes are reasonably designed to protect such information and prevent data loss and security breaches. However, such measures cannot provide absolute security. The techniques used to obtain unauthorized access to data, disable or degrade service, or sabotage systems change frequently and may be difficult to detect for long periods of time. Hardware or software acquired from third parties may contain defects in design or manufacture or other problems that could unexpectedly compromise information security. Network connected services provided by third parties to the Investment Adviser may be susceptible to compromise, leading to breach of the Investment Adviser’s network. The Investment Adviser’s systems or facilities may be susceptible to employee error or malfeasance, government surveillance, or other security threats. On-line services provided by the Investment Adviser to the investors may also be susceptible to compromise. Breach of the Investment Adviser’s information systems may cause information relating to the transactions of the Funds and personally identifiable information of the investors to be lost or improperly accessed, used or disclosed.

The service providers of the Investment Adviser and the Funds are subject to the same electronic information security threats as the Investment Adviser. If a service provider fails to adopt or adhere to adequate data security policies, or in the event of a breach of its networks, information relating to the transactions of the Funds and personally identifiable information of the investors may be lost or improperly accessed, used or disclosed.

The loss or improper access, use or disclosure of the Investment Adviser's or the Funds' proprietary information may cause the Investment Adviser or the Funds to suffer, among other things, financial loss, the disruption of its business, liability to third parties, regulatory intervention or reputational damage. Any of the foregoing events could have a material adverse effect on the Funds and the investors' investments therein.

*Availability of Investment Strategies.* The success of the Funds' investment and trading activities depends on the ability of the Investment Adviser to identify overvalued and undervalued investment opportunities and to exploit price discrepancies in the U.S. equity markets. Identification and exploitation of the investment strategies to be pursued by the Funds involves a high degree of uncertainty. No assurance can be given that the Investment Adviser will be able to identify suitable investment opportunities in which to deploy all of the Funds' capital. A reduction in overall market volatility and liquidity, as well as other market factors, may reduce the pool of profitable investment strategies for the Funds.

*Limited Liquidity of Investments.* The market value of the Funds' investments may fluctuate with, among other things, changes in prevailing interest rates, general economic conditions, the condition of financial markets, developments or trends in any particular industry and the financial condition of the issuers of the securities in which the Funds invest. During periods of limited liquidity and higher price volatility, the Funds' ability to acquire or dispose of its investments at a price and time that the Investment Adviser deems advantageous may be impaired. As a result, in periods of rising market prices, the Funds may be unable to participate in price increases fully to the extent that it is unable to acquire desired positions quickly; the Funds' inability to dispose fully and promptly of positions in declining markets will conversely cause its net asset value to decline as the value of unsold positions is marked to lower prices.

In addition, a portion of the Funds' assets may from time to time be invested in securities and other financial instruments or obligations for which no market exists and/or which are restricted as to their transferability under federal or state securities laws, including private securities. Because of the absence of any trading market for these investments, the Funds may take longer to liquidate these positions than would be the case for publicly-traded securities. Although these securities may be resold in privately negotiated transactions, the prices realized on these sales could be less than those originally paid by the Funds. Further, companies whose securities are not publicly-traded may not be subject to public disclosure and other investor protection requirements applicable to publicly-traded securities, which could expose the Funds to greater risk than it anticipated.

*Side Letters.* As previously disclosed herein, the Funds have the authority to enter into "side letter" agreements or similar arrangements (collectively, "Side Letters") with one or more investors that provide such investors with additional and/or different rights (including, without limitation, with respect to investment portfolio, redemption rights (including redemption dates, redemption frequency and notice periods), minimum and additional subscription amounts, permitted subscription dates, minimum and maximum aggregate subscription amounts, voting rights, Management Fees, Performance-Based Compensation or allocations, investor eligibility requirements and access to information) than other investors. In general, the Funds will not be required to notify any or all of the other investors of any such Side Letters or any of the rights and/or terms or provisions thereof, nor will the Funds be required to offer

such additional and/or different rights and/or terms to any or all of the other investors. The Funds have entered into Side Letters covering primarily (i) assurance that a particular investor may request due to the laws, rules, regulations (including tax) or policies applicable to such investor and (ii) assurances or statements of the Funds' policies that investors request with respect to, or covenants regarding, reporting, notices or certain events, transfers, in-kind distributions, confidentiality and other matters.

*Purchasing IPOs.* The Funds may purchase securities of companies in initial public offerings ("IPOs") or shortly thereafter. Special risks associated with these securities may include a limited number of shares available for trading, unseasoned trading, lack of investor knowledge of the issuer and limited operating history. These factors may contribute to substantial price volatility for the shares of these companies. In addition, some companies in IPOs are involved in relatively new industries or lines of business, which may not be widely understood by investors. Some of these companies may be undercapitalized or regarded as developmental stage companies, without revenues or operating income, or the near-term prospect of achieving them.

*Trading in Indices and Financial Instruments.* The Funds may trade indices and financial instruments. The effect of governmental intervention may be particularly significant at certain times in indices and financial instruments, and such intervention (as well as other factors) may cause all these markets to move rapidly in the same direction because of, among other things, interest-rate fluctuations.

*Loans of Portfolio Securities.* The Funds may from time to time lend securities from its portfolio to brokers, dealers and financial institutions and receive collateral in the form of cash or securities in an amount equal to at least 100% of the current market value of the loaned securities, including any accrued interest or dividend receivable. Such loans will be terminable at any time. The Funds may pay finders', administrative and custodial fees to persons unaffiliated with the Funds in connection with the arranging of such loans.

*Use of When-Issued and Forward Commitment Securities.* The Funds may purchase securities on a "when-issued" basis. These transactions involve a commitment by a Fund to purchase or sell securities at a future date (typically one or two months later). No income accrues on securities that have been purchased on a when-issued basis prior to delivery to the Fund. When-issued securities may be sold prior to the settlement date. If a Fund disposes of the right to acquire a when-issued security prior to its acquisition, it may incur a gain or loss. In addition, there is a risk that securities purchased on a when-issued basis may not be delivered to the Fund. In such cases, the Fund may incur a loss.

*Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes.* Pursuant to FASB ASC 740, formerly known as FIN 48 ("ASC 740"), which provides guidance for how uncertain tax positions should be recognized, measured, presented and disclosed in financial statements, the Funds are required to determine whether a tax position, based on its technical merits, meets a more-likely-than-not recognition threshold that the tax position will be sustained upon examination. As a result of such a determination, a Fund may be required to recognize a contingent tax liability in its net asset value calculation if the related tax position meets the recognition criterion in ASC 740 and, conversely, may be required to unrecognize a contingent tax liability in its net asset value calculation if the related tax position does not meet the recognition criterion in ASC 740. In addition, the net asset value of the Funds may be adjusted if an uncertain tax position is settled. Since ASC 740 has only recently been adopted, the Funds may be required to recognize in its financial statements contingent liabilities that under prior custom and practice in the industry would not have been recognized. Such contingent liabilities may also relate to time periods that predate an investment in the Funds. Recognition and measurement of each tax position, including any tax position for which there is a lack of authority and audit experience, is determined by the Board of Directors, or the general partner, as applicable, of the applicable Fund in its sole discretion, based on discussions with the Investment Adviser, tax advisers and the auditor and based on the facts and

circumstances known at the time. There can be no assurance that any such determination will not change over time. Adjustments made to the net asset value of the Funds in connection with the recognition or unrecognition of contingent tax liabilities may have a material positive or negative effect on certain investors and prospective investors, depending on the circumstances.

*Accounting for Reserves.* A prospective investor should be aware that, among other things, a reduction of the Net Asset Value of a Fund to create a reserve may be required for purposes of GAAP-compliant financial reporting, including for purposes of ASC 740-10. This reduction could cause benefits or detriments to certain shareholders or limited partners, as applicable, of the applicable Fund, depending upon the timing of their entry and exit from the Fund. If a reserve established by the applicable Fund is subsequently reversed, the reversal may benefit only those shareholders or limited partners, as applicable, at the time of such reversal. Shareholders or limited partners admitted to the applicable Fund after any such reserve is established may benefit by sharing in the proceeds upon reversal of such reserve, and shareholders or limited partners that have fully redeemed from the Fund prior to a reversal of such reserve may not share in the proceeds related to such reversal. Changes to accounting standards, policies or practices could have similar effects to those outlined above, or magnify such effects.

## **B. Risks Associated With Particular Types of Securities**

*Equity Securities.* The Funds' investment portfolios include equity and equity-related securities. Equity securities fluctuate in value in response to many factors, including the activities and financial condition of individual companies, the business market in which individual companies compete and industry market conditions and general economic environments.

*Derivative Instruments Generally.* 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. Derivatives traded over-the-counter may not have an authoritative source of valuation and the models used to value such derivatives are subject to change. Special risks may apply in the future that cannot be determined at this time with respect to certain other derivative instruments that are not presently contemplated for use or that are currently not available. The regulatory and tax environment for derivative instruments in which the Funds may participate is evolving, and changes in the regulation or taxation of such Securities may have a material adverse effect on the Funds.

*Use of Warrants and Rights.* The Funds may hold warrants and rights from time to time. Warrants permit, but do not obligate, the holder to subscribe for other securities or commodities. Rights are similar to warrants, but normally have a shorter duration and are offered or distributed to shareholders of a company. Warrants and rights may be considered more speculative than certain other types of equity-like securities because they do not carry with them rights to dividends or voting rights and they do not represent any rights in the assets of the issuer. These instruments cease to have value if they are not exercised prior to their expiration dates. The market for warrants and rights can become very illiquid. Changes in liquidity may significantly impact the price for warrants and rights, which could, in turn, decrease the value of a Fund's portfolios.

*Investments in Fixed-Income Securities.* The Funds may invest a portion of their capital in bonds or other fixed-income securities, including, without limitation: bonds; convertible bonds; notes and debentures issued by corporations; debt securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government or one of its agencies or instrumentalities; commercial paper; and "higher yielding" (and, therefore, higher risk) debt securities of the former categories. These securities may pay fixed, variable or floating rates of interest, and may include zero coupon obligations. Fixed income securities are subject to the risk of the

issuer's inability to meet principal and interest payments on its obligations (i.e., credit risk) and are subject to price volatility due to such factors as interest rate sensitivity, market perception of the creditworthiness of the issuer and general market liquidity (i.e., market risk).

*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, sometimes by a significant amount, 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.* 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 premium investment in the put option.

*Call & Put Options on Securities Indices.* The Funds may purchase and sell call and put options on stock indices listed on national securities exchanges or traded in the over-the-counter market for hedging purposes and non-hedging purposes to pursue its investment objective. The successful use of options on stock indices requires different skills and techniques than predicting changes in the price of individual stocks.

*Swaps.* Whether the Funds' use of swap agreements or swaptions will be successful will depend on the Investment Adviser's ability to select appropriate transactions for the Funds. Swap agreements and options on swap agreements ("swaptions") can be individually negotiated and structured to include exposure to a variety of different types of investments, asset classes or market factors. Depending on their structure, swap agreements may increase or decrease the holder's exposure to, for example, equity securities, long-term or short-term interest rates, non-U.S. currency values, credit spreads or other factors. Swap agreements can take many different forms and are known by a variety of names. Swap transactions may be highly illiquid and may increase or decrease the volatility of the Funds' portfolio. Moreover, the Funds 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. The Funds will also bear the risk of loss related to swap agreements, for example, for breaches of such agreements or the failure of the Funds to post or maintain required collateral. It is possible that developments in the swap markets, including potential government regulation, could adversely affect the Funds' ability to terminate swap transactions or to realize amounts to be received under such transactions.

*Futures Contracts.* 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 the Funds' positions trade or of its clearinghouses or counterparties. Futures positions may be illiquid because certain 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 particular futures contract has increased or decreased by an amount equal to the daily limit, positions in that contract can neither be taken nor liquidated unless traders are willing to effect trades at or within the limit. This could prevent the Funds from promptly liquidating unfavorable positions and subject the Funds to substantial losses or prevent it from entering into desired trades. Also, 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. In extraordinary circumstances, a futures exchange or the CFTC could suspend trading in a particular futures contract, or order liquidation or settlement of all open positions in such contract.

*Forward Contracts.* 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 the Investment Manager would otherwise recommend, to the possible detriment of the Funds. In its forward trading, the Funds 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 the Funds trade. Fund 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. The Investment Adviser may order trades for the Funds in such markets through agents. Accordingly, the insolvency or bankruptcy of such parties could also subject the Funds to the risk of loss.

*Failure to Enter into Offsetting Trade.* To the extent the Funds invests in a futures contract or option long, unless an offsetting trade is made, the Funds would be required to take physical delivery of the commodity underlying the future or option. To the extent the Investment Manager fails to enter into such offsetting trade prior to the expiration of the contract, the Funds may suffer a loss since neither the Funds nor the Investment Adviser has the operational capacity to accept physical delivery of commodities.

*Asset-Backed Securities.* Through the use of trusts and special purpose corporations, various types of assets, including automobile, credit card, student loan and small business loan receivables, are securitized in pass-through structures. The Funds may invest either directly or indirectly, in these and other types of asset-backed securities ("ABS") that may be developed in the future.

ABS securities are often backed by unsecured receivables. Credit card receivables, for example, are generally unsecured and the debtors are entitled to the protection of a number of state and federal consumer loan laws, many of which give such debtors the right to set off certain amounts owed on the credit cards, thereby reducing the balance due. Most issuers of ABS backed by automobile receivables permit the servicers to retain possession of the underlying obligations. If the servicer were to sell these obligations to another party, there is a risk that the purchaser would acquire an interest superior to that of the holders of the related ABS. In addition, because of the large number of vehicles involved in a typical issuance and technical requirements under state laws, the trustee for the holders of the ABS may not have a proper security interest in all of the obligations backing such ABS. Therefore, there is a possibility that recoveries on repossessed collateral may not, in some cases, be available to support payments on these securities. The risk of investing in ABS is ultimately dependent upon payment of loans by the debtor.

The value of an ABS is affected by changes in the market's perception of the asset backing the security and the creditworthiness of the servicing agent for the loan pool, the originator of the loans or the financial institution providing any credit enhancement, as well as by the expiration or removal of any credit enhancement. Structural and legal risks of ABS include the possibility that, in a bankruptcy or similar proceeding involving the originator or the servicer (often the same entity or affiliates), a court having jurisdiction over the proceeding could determine that, because of the degree to which cash flows on the assets of the issuing vehicle may have been commingled with cash flows on the originator's other assets (or similar reasons), (i) the assets of the issuing vehicle could be treated as never having been truly sold by the originator to the issuing vehicle and could be substantively consolidated with those of the originator, or (ii) the transfer of such assets to the issuer could be voided as a fraudulent transfer. The time and expense related to a challenge of such determinations also could result in losses and/or delayed cash flows.

*Liquidity of Futures Contracts.* A Fund may utilize futures as part of its investment program. Futures positions may be illiquid because certain 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 particular futures contract has increased or decreased by an amount equal to the daily limit, positions in that contract can neither be taken nor liquidated unless traders are willing to effect trades at or within the limit. Futures prices have occasionally moved beyond the daily limits for several consecutive days with little or no trading. Over-the-counter instruments generally are not as liquid as instruments traded on recognized exchanges. This constraint could prevent a Fund from promptly liquidating unfavorable positions and subject it to substantial losses. In addition, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and various exchanges impose speculative position limits on the number of positions that a Fund may indirectly hold or control in particular commodities.

*Money Market Instruments.* The Funds may invest, for defensive purposes or otherwise, some or all of its assets in high quality, fixed income securities, money market instruments and money market mutual funds, or hold cash or cash equivalents in such amounts as the Investment Adviser deems appropriate under the circumstances.

*Investments in Securities of Financially Distressed Companies.* The Funds may purchase securities and other obligations of companies that are experiencing significant financial or business distress, including companies involved in bankruptcy or other reorganization and liquidation proceedings. Although such purchases may result in significant returns, they involve a substantial degree of risk and may not show any return for a considerable period of time. In fact, many of these securities and investments typically remain unpaid unless and until the company reorganizes and/or emerges from bankruptcy proceedings and, as a result, may have to be held for an extended period of time. The level of analytical sophistication, both financial and legal, necessary for successful investment in companies experiencing significant business and financial distress is very high. There is no assurance that the Investment Adviser will correctly evaluate the nature and magnitude of the various factors that could affect the prospect for a successful reorganization or similar action. In any reorganization or liquidation proceeding relating to a company in which a Fund invests, the Fund may lose its entire investment or may be required to accept cash or securities with a value less than the Fund's original investment.

*Counterparty Risk.* The Funds expect to establish relationships to obtain financing, derivative intermediation and prime brokerage services that permit the Funds to trade in any variety of markets or asset classes over time. However, there can be no assurance that the Funds will be able to establish or maintain such relationships. An inability to establish or maintain such relationships could limit the Funds' trading activities, create losses, preclude the Funds from engaging in certain transactions

or prevent the Funds from trading at optimal rates and terms. Moreover, a disruption in the financing, derivative intermediation and prime brokerage services provided by any such relationships could have a significant impact on the Fund's business due to the Fund's reliance on such counterparties.

The Funds may effect transactions in markets that are not "exchange-based", such as "over-the-counter" or "interdealer" markets. The stability and liquidity of over-the-counter transactions depends in large part on the creditworthiness of the parties to the transactions. 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 the Funds 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 Funds to suffer losses. Such "counterparty risk" is accentuated for contracts with longer maturities where events may intervene to prevent settlement, or where a Fund has concentrated its transactions with a single or small group of counterparties. Generally, the Funds will not be restricted from dealing with any particular counterparties. The Investment Adviser's evaluation of the creditworthiness of counterparties may not prove sufficient. The lack of a complete and "foolproof" evaluation of the financial capabilities of the Funds' counterparties and the absence of a regulated market to facilitate settlement may increase the potential for losses by the Funds.

If there is a default by a counterparty, the Funds 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 net asset value of the Funds being less than if the Funds 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 the Funds' securities from such counterparty or the payment of claims therefor may be significantly delayed and the Funds may recover substantially less than the full value of the securities entrusted to such counterparty.

In addition, the Funds may 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 the Funds' 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 the Funds and its assets. Investors should assume that the insolvency of any such counterparty would result in significant delays in recovering the Funds' securities from or the payment of claims therefor by such counterparty and a loss to the Funds, which could be material.



## **ITEM 9**

### **DISCIPLINARY INFORMATION**

There are no legal or disciplinary events that are material to a client's or prospective client's evaluation of the Investment Adviser's advisory business or the integrity of the Investment Adviser's management.

## ITEM 10

### OTHER FINANCIAL INDUSTRY ACTIVITIES AND AFFILIATIONS

#### A. Broker-Dealer Registration Status.

The Investment Adviser 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.

The Investment Adviser 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.

The Investment Adviser acts as an investment manager for various Funds as previously noted. In addition, the Investment Adviser serves as a sub-adviser for the UCITS Sub-Fund. Furthermore, as noted in Item 4, affiliates of the Investment Adviser serve as the general partner for the Onshore Funds.

Affiliated Managers Group, Inc. (“AMG”), a publicly traded asset management company (NYSE: AMG) with equity investments in boutique investment management firms, holds a minority interest in the Investment Adviser. AMG also holds equity interests in other investment advisers (“AMG Affiliates”). Each of the AMG Affiliates, including the Investment Adviser, is operated autonomously and independently, and except as described in this Brochure, the Investment Adviser does not have any business dealings with other AMG Affiliates and does not conduct any joint operations with them. Moreover, the AMG Affiliates do not formulate advice for the Investment Adviser’s Advisory Clients. As such, AMG’s ownership interest in the Investment Adviser does not, in the Investment Adviser’s view, present any potential conflict of interest for the Investment Adviser with respect to the Investment Adviser’s Advisory Clients. More information regarding AMG, including its public filings and a list of all AMG Affiliates, is available at [www.amg.com](http://www.amg.com).

Further, as noted in Item 14, the Investment Adviser is party to a client service/marketing agreement with one or more non-U.S. subsidiaries of AMG under which the non-U.S. AMG subsidiaries introduce the Investment Adviser’s investment management services to prospective institutional clients and/or provide institutional client services to certain of the Investment Adviser’s clients in various foreign jurisdictions.

#### D. Material Conflicts of Interest Relating to Other Investment Advisers.

The Investment Adviser 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.

The Investment Adviser has adopted a Code of Ethics (the “Code”) that is designed to monitor and prevent potential conflicts of interest. The Code prohibits all “Access Persons” from engaging in personal securities transactions for most securities. Access Persons include, generally, any partner, officer or director of the Investment Adviser and any employee or other supervised person who, in relation to the clients, (1) has access to non-public information regarding any purchase or sale of securities, or non-public information regarding securities holdings or (2) is involved in making securities recommendations, executing securities recommendations, or has access to such recommendations that are non-public. All Ivory employees and principals are deemed to be Access Persons.

Access Persons’ personal investment transactions are pre-cleared when necessary and monitored by Ivory’s compliance personnel. Ivory also maintains insider trading policies and procedures (the “Insider Trading Policies”) that are designed to prevent the misuse of material, non-public information by the Investment Adviser, its principals and employees and their affiliates. Moreover, Access Persons may not disclose to persons outside of Ivory, in the absence of a confidentiality agreement with such persons, any non-public information with respect to: (1) any securities transaction that Ivory plans to make or has made for Ivory’s client accounts; and (2) any securities position currently held by Ivory’s client accounts. Information contained in public filings such as those on SEC Form 13F is an example of securities position information that is public. Nonpublic information must be secured. For example, access to files containing material, nonpublic information and computer files containing such information, should be restricted, and conversations containing such information, if appropriate at all, should be conducted in private. Access Persons are required to certify their compliance with the Code of Ethics and the Insider Trading Policies on a periodic basis. A copy of the Code will be furnished upon request. Investors may request a copy of the Code by contacting Ivory at the address or telephone number listed on the first page of this Brochure.

Ivory’s compliance manual (the “Manual”) includes policies and procedures regarding the giving or receipt of gifts and business entertainment between the Investment Adviser’s employees and certain third parties (e.g., vendors, broker/dealers, etc.) to help mitigate the potential for conflicts of interest surrounding these practices. The Manual limits the amount of gifts and business entertainment that may be provided by employees to these parties, and requires the pre-approval of certain items. Ivory specifically monitors for any potential conflicts of interest with respect to individual instances of gifts or entertainment to prevent the interests of the Investment Adviser and its employees from being placed ahead of the interests of its Funds.

Additionally, all Access Persons are subject to the Affiliated Managers Group, Inc. Insider Trading Policy and Procedures (the “AMG Insider Trading Policy”). The AMG Insider Trading Policy broadly prohibits the use of material, non-public information, and also imposes restrictions on the trading of AMG’s stock.

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

**Cross Trades**

During periods in which the assets of certain Funds, as applicable, are not treated as “plan assets” for purposes of ERISA, the Investment Adviser can and has determined that it would be in the best interests of certain clients to transfer a security from one client to another (each such transfer, a “Cross Trade”) for a variety of reasons, including, without limitation, to rebalance the portfolios of the clients, to reduce transaction costs that may arise in an open market transaction, tax purposes, or liquidity purposes. If the Investment Adviser determines that a Cross Trade is in the best interests of each client involved in such trade, the Investment Adviser will take steps to ensure that, where applicable, the transaction is consistent with the duty to obtain best execution for each of those clients.

The Investment Adviser generally executes Cross Trades with the assistance of the prime broker that holds the applicable security. The appropriate prime broker makes a journal entry and books the transaction at the closing price from the business day prior to the effective date of the transaction. For securities that are not eligible to complete the cross in the above fashion, and for futures and options, the Investment Adviser generally executes the transactions in the open market, based on the then-current independent market price. If the Investment Adviser effects a Cross Trade by journal entry, the prime broker will not receive any fee in connection with the completion of the transaction.

**Principal Transactions**

To the extent that Cross Trades may be viewed as principal transactions due to the ownership interest in a client by the Investment Adviser or its personnel, the Investment Adviser will comply with the requirements of Section 206(3) of the Advisers Act, including that any such transactions will be considered on behalf of investors and approved or disapproved by (i) an advisory board comprised of representatives of investors in the clients or (ii) a committee consisting of one or more persons selected by the Investment Adviser (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. Investing in Securities that the Investment Adviser or a Related Person Recommends to Clients.**

The Code places restrictions on personal trades by Access Persons, including that they disclose their personal securities holdings and transactions to the Investment Adviser on a periodic basis, and requires that Access Persons pre-clear certain types of personal securities transactions. Generally, and subject to certain exceptions, Access Persons may not engage in personal securities trading and may only dispose of securities held in their respective personal trading accounts upon pre-approval. Any such disposition of securities must be pre-cleared. However, Access Persons may purchase and sell certain mutual funds, and certain broad-based exchange-traded funds (“ETFs”), U.S. government and agency securities, municipal securities, unit investment trusts, and money market instruments, subject to a minimum holding period. Access Persons may also invest in private placements upon pre-approval. The Investment Adviser, its affiliates and its Access Persons may give advice or take action for their own accounts that may differ from, conflict with or be adverse to advice given or action taken for clients. These activities may adversely affect the prices and availability of other securities or instruments held by or potentially considered for one or more clients. Potential conflicts also may arise due to the fact that the Investment Adviser and its personnel have investments in some Funds but not in others or have different levels of investments in the various Funds.

The Investment Adviser and certain of its affiliates have shares of or capital accounts in, and receive the Performance Based-Compensation described in Item 5 above from, the Funds. Further, certain principals and employees of the Investment Adviser have substantial personal investments directly or indirectly in one or more Funds. The amount of each principal's or employee's personal investment in a Fund may change over time. A principal or employee may decide to invest only in certain Funds and not in others, and investors generally will not be provided with notice of principals' or employees' investments in, or withdrawals from, a Fund.

**D. Conflicts of Interest Created by Contemporaneous Trading.**

Please see discussion under Item 11C above and under Item 12B below.

**Additional Considerations**

From time to time, various potential and actual conflicts of interest may arise from the overall advisory, investment and other activities of the Investment Adviser, its affiliates and its personnel (each an "Advisory Affiliate" and, collectively, the "Advisory Affiliates"). The Investment Adviser has established policies and procedures to monitor and resolve conflicts and will endeavor to resolve conflicts with respect to investment opportunities in a manner it deems equitable to the extent possible under the prevailing facts and circumstances.

In addition, the Investment Adviser may give advice or take action with respect to the investments of one or more Funds that may not be given or taken with respect to other Funds with similar investment programs, objectives, and strategies. Accordingly, although certain of the Funds have similar strategies, they may not hold the same securities or instruments and do not achieve the same performance. These activities also may adversely affect the prices and availability of other securities or instruments held by or potentially considered for one or more Funds.

The Advisory Affiliates may also have ongoing relationships with companies whose securities are in or are being considered for the Funds. The Investment Adviser recognizes that conflicts may arise under such circumstances and will endeavor to treat all Funds fairly and equitably.

## ITEM 12

### BROKERAGE PRACTICE

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

As noted previously, the Investment Adviser has full discretionary authority to manage the Funds, including authority to make decisions with respect to which securities are bought and sold, the amount and price of those securities, the brokers or dealers to be used for a particular transaction, and commissions or markups and markdowns paid. The Investment Adviser's authority is limited by its own internal policies and procedures and each Fund's investment guidelines and other terms contained within its governing documents.

Neither the Investment Adviser nor a related person suggests brokers to clients. In selecting an appropriate broker-dealer to effect a client trade, the Investment Adviser 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 its services including, among other things, its facilities, reliability and financial responsibility; execution capability; commission rates; responsiveness to the Investment Adviser; the provisions of brokerage and research services (e.g., research ideas, analysis and investment strategies) that are of benefit to the Funds, the general partners, the Investment Adviser and related Funds and accounts; special execution and block positioning capabilities; clearance; and settlement and custodial services. The Investment Adviser need not solicit competitive bids and does not have an obligation to seek the lowest available price or commissions and other costs. The Funds' securities transactions generate a substantial amount of brokerage commissions and other compensation, including clearing fees and charges, all of which the Funds are obligated to pay.

The Investment Adviser maintains policies and procedures to review the quality of executions, including periodic reviews by its investment professionals.

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

From time to time, the Investment Adviser pays a broker-dealer commissions (or markups or markdowns with respect to certain types of riskless principal transactions) for effecting Fund 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 utilized broker-dealer. The Investment Adviser effects such transactions, and receives 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, and subject to prevailing guidance provided by the SEC regarding Section 28(e). The Investment Adviser believes it is important to its investment decision-making processes to have access to independent research.

Also, consistent with Section 28(e), research products or services obtained with "soft dollars" generated by one or more Funds are used by the Investment Adviser to service one or more other clients, including clients that may not have paid for the soft dollar benefits. The Investment Adviser 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 the Investment Adviser (i.e., a "mixed use" item), the Investment Adviser 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 the Investment Adviser's allocation of the costs of such benefits and services between those that primarily benefit the Investment Adviser and those that primarily benefit the Funds.

When the Investment Adviser uses client brokerage commissions (or markups or markdowns) to obtain research or other products or services, the Investment Adviser receives a benefit because it does not have to produce or pay for such products or services. The Investment Adviser may have an incentive to select or recommend a broker-dealer based on the Investment Adviser's interest in receiving research or other products or services, rather than on its clients' interest in receiving most favorable execution.

Within the last fiscal year of the Investment Adviser, the Investment Adviser or its related persons acquired the following types of products and services with client brokerage commissions (or markups or markdowns):

- Research reports and forecasts on particular industries and companies;
- Economic data, surveys, research and analyses;
- Research consultant services;
- Market, industry and financial data and analysis; and
- Company and industry news, public filing and event aggregators.

At least annually, the Investment Adviser 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 Funds 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 the Investment Adviser 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.**

From time to time, brokers (including but not limited to prime brokers such as Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., Merrill Lynch Professional Clearing Corp., Morgan Stanley & Co., LLC and J.P. Morgan Clearing Corp.) assist the Funds in raising additional funds from investors, and representatives of the Investment Adviser speak at conferences and programs sponsored by such brokers for investors interested in investing in hedge funds. Through such "capital introduction" events, prospective investors in the Funds would have the opportunity to meet with representatives of the Investment Adviser. Currently, neither the Investment Adviser nor the Funds compensate any broker for organizing such events or for any investments ultimately made by prospective investors attending such events, nor do they anticipate doing so in the future. The Funds may accept subscriptions from investors who also provide services to the Funds, including brokers and their affiliates. Relationships such as these could be viewed as creating a conflict of interest that potentially could affect the Investment Adviser's ability to seek best execution. While the Investment Adviser's relationship with brokers may influence the Investment Adviser in deciding whether to use such broker in connection with brokerage, financing and other activities of the Funds, the Investment Adviser will not commit to allocate a particular amount of brokerage to a broker in any such situation. Furthermore, the Investment Adviser conducts periodic best execution reviews in an effort to identify and mitigate compliance risks associated

with brokerage relationships, and to determine that the Investment Adviser is obtaining best execution for clients' accounts.

**3. Directed Brokerage.**

The Investment Adviser does not recommend, request or require that a client direct the Investment Adviser to execute transactions through a specified broker-dealer.

**B. Order Aggregation.**

If the Investment Adviser determines that the purchase or sale of the same security is appropriate with regard to more than one Fund, the Investment Adviser may, but is not obligated to, aggregate orders in order to reduce transaction costs to the extent permitted by applicable law, with each client paying its proportionate share of the total commission and paying or receiving its proportionate share of the total cost or sales proceeds. When an aggregated order is filled through multiple trades at different prices on the same day, each participating Fund will receive the average price, with transaction costs generally 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 the Investment Adviser. In the event of a partial fill, allocations may be modified on a basis that the Investment Adviser deems to be appropriate, including, for example, in order to avoid odd lots or *de minimis* allocations.

**C. Trade Error Policy.**

In the event that the Investment Adviser experiences an error with respect to trades made on behalf of the Funds, the Investment Adviser will correct such error in accordance with its policies and procedures. Funds that are not subject to ERISA will generally be responsible for any losses resulting from trading errors and similar human errors, absent gross negligence or willful misconduct.

**D. Trade Allocation Policy.**

The Investment Adviser has adopted a trade allocation policy to mitigate potential conflicts of interest and to ensure the proper and fair allocation of investment opportunities across clients and strategies. The procedures are designed to ensure investment opportunities are allocated fairly among all of the Funds. Not all investment opportunities are appropriate for all strategies. However, as a general policy, if an investment is selected for a given strategy, it will be allocated to all investment vehicles within such strategy using a pro rated allocation based on the relative capital size of each of the vehicles.

Certain exceptions will apply to this general policy, but the overriding principle is to ensure a fair and equitable allocation of trades to each applicable Fund.

In addition, please see the discussion under Item 11C and under Item 12B.



## ITEM 13

### REVIEW OF ACCOUNTS

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

The Investment Adviser performs various daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly and periodic reviews of each client's portfolio. At the overall portfolio composition level for all Funds, reviews are conducted by the Chief Investment Officer, Curtis Macnguyen. In addition, individual investments constituting the Funds' portfolios are monitored and analyzed by the applicable senior investment professional primarily responsible for such investments.

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

A review of a client account may be triggered by any unusual activity or special circumstances.

#### C. Content and Frequency of Account Reports to Clients.

The Investment Adviser generally provides annual audited financial statements to its clients within 120 days of the applicable client's fiscal year end.

Investors in the Funds generally receive the following regular reports: (i) after the end of each fiscal year of the Funds, annual audited financial statements (including a balance sheet, income statement and statement of changes in net assets) for the recently completed fiscal year; and (ii) monthly regular net asset value statements of the investors' Fund's shares or capital accounts. Other periodic reports may be provided to investors in a particular Fund. For example, investors in domestic-based Funds will receive annual tax information necessary for the completion of U.S. federal, state and local income tax returns. In addition, the Investment Adviser, as a service, generally provides weekly and/or monthly performance updates regarding the Funds.

## ITEM 14

### CLIENT REFERRALS AND OTHER COMPENSATION

#### A. Economic Benefits for Providing Services to Clients.

The Investment Adviser does not receive economic benefits from non-clients for providing investment advice and other advisory services.

#### B. Compensation to Non-Supervised Persons for Client Referrals.

Certain of the Funds compensate third parties for providing services to investors that they introduce to the Funds. Pursuant to such arrangements among the applicable Fund, the Investment Adviser and a third party placement agent, the Fund or the Investment Adviser pays such placement agent an investor service fee or placement fee generally based on the net asset value of the series of shares or capital account balance, as applicable, of the investor introduced to the Fund by the placement agent. Other fee arrangements with intermediaries are negotiated on a case by case basis.

The management fees or performance fees/allocations to be charged to a Fund investor introduced by a placement agent will not reflect any differential over rates the Investment Adviser charges to other Fund investors not introduced by a placement agent that are invested in the same Fund and share class of a Fund. Certain of these placement agents (or their affiliated entities) may also be retained by the Investment Adviser as brokers or dealers to effect portfolio transactions on behalf of the Funds.

Moreover, the Investment Adviser is party to a client service/marketing agreement with one or more non-U.S. subsidiaries of AMG under which the non-U.S. AMG subsidiaries introduce the Investment Adviser's investment management services to prospective institutional clients and/or provide institutional client services to certain of the Investment Adviser's clients in various foreign jurisdictions. The Investment Adviser pays the non-U.S. AMG subsidiaries a fee for these services. The non-U.S. AMG subsidiaries are not broker-dealers, investment advisers, nor any of the other financial institutions described in Item 7.A. of Form ADV Part 1A. Depending on the foreign jurisdiction, the non-U.S. AMG subsidiaries may be registered or exempt from registration, as appropriate, with the relevant foreign financial regulatory authorities.

## **ITEM 15**

### **CUSTODY**

The Investment Adviser 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 the Investment Adviser.

The Investment Adviser 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 Fund because it complies with the provisions of the so-called "Pooled Vehicle Annual Audit Exception", which, among other things, requires that each Fund 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 Fund distribute its audited financial statements to all investors within 120 days of the end of its fiscal year.

## **ITEM 16**

### **INVESTMENT DISCRETION**

The Investment Adviser serves as the investment manager with discretionary trading authority to each Fund. The Investment Adviser's investment decisions and advice with respect to each Fund are subject to each Fund's investment objectives and guidelines, as set forth in its offering documents. The Investment Adviser or an affiliate of the Investment Adviser entered into an investment management agreement, or similar agreement, with each Fund or its general partner, as applicable, pursuant to which the Investment Adviser or an affiliate of the Investment Adviser was granted discretionary trading authority.

## ITEM 17

### VOTING CLIENT SECURITIES

#### **A. Policies and Procedures Relating to Voting Client Securities.**

The Investment Adviser has adopted written proxy voting guidelines in accordance with Rule 206(4)-6 of the Advisers Act. In voting proxies, it is the general policy of the Investment Adviser to consider and vote each proposal in the best interests of the Funds. The Investment Adviser's proxy policy addresses a broad range of issues, including, among others, routine matters, executive compensation, anti-takeover proposals, and accountant selection and is meant to provide general voting parameters on issues that arise most frequently.

The Investment Adviser may, however, vote in a manner that is contrary to the general guidelines if it believes that it would be in its client's best interest to do so. The proxy policy may be revised in the Investment Adviser's discretion. Clients may obtain a copy of the Investment Adviser's proxy policy and its voting record upon request. Clients may also obtain information from the Investment Adviser about how the Investment Adviser voted any proxies on behalf of the Funds.

#### **B. No Authority to Vote Client Securities and Client Receipt of Proxies.**

Not Applicable.

## **ITEM 18**

### **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

The Investment Adviser is not required to include a balance sheet for its most recent fiscal year, is not aware of any financial condition reasonably likely to impair its ability to meet contractual commitments to clients, and has not been the subject of a bankruptcy petition at any time during the past ten years.