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This Brochure provides information about the qualifications and business practices of MSRESS III Manager, L.L.C. (the “Adviser”). If you have any questions about the contents of this Brochure, you should contact Morgan Stanley Real Estate Investing Investor Services at 212-761-7160 or email [msreinvestor@morganstanley.com](mailto:msreinvestor@morganstanley.com). The information in this Brochure has not been approved or verified by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) or by any state securities authority.

The Adviser is a registered investment adviser. Registration of an investment adviser does not imply any level of skill or training. The oral and written communications of an adviser provide you with information that you may find useful in deciding to hire or retain an adviser (or invest in a fund or product advised by the adviser).

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

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## **Item 2 – Material Changes**

We provide this Brochure to our clients as well as limited partners of the pooled investment vehicles that we advise (“Limited Partners”). There have been no material changes since the last annual update of this Brochure, which was dated March 29, 2016.

We will provide clients and Limited Partners with a new Brochure as necessary based on material changes or new information, at any time, without charge upon request.

Our Brochure may be requested by contacting Morgan Stanley Real Estate Investing Investor Services at (212) 761-7160 or email [msreinvestor@morganstanley.com](mailto:msreinvestor@morganstanley.com).

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#### **Item 4 – Advisory Business**

MSRESS III Manager, L.L.C. (the “Adviser”) was formed in 2005 and registered with the SEC under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended (the “Advisers Act”), in 2005.

The Adviser is a wholly owned indirect subsidiary of Morgan Stanley (collectively with its affiliates, “Morgan Stanley”).

As of December 31, 2016, the Adviser had approximately \$1,615,605,000<sup>1</sup> of client assets under management, all of which are managed on a discretionary basis.

The Adviser, in its capacity as the managing member of Morgan Stanley Real Estate Special Situations III–GP, L.L.C., the general partner (the “General Partner”) of Morgan Stanley Real Estate Special Situations Fund III, L.P. (the “Fund”), provides discretionary investment advisory services to the Fund principally through investments in non-controlling interests in the securities of real estate and real estate-related companies and portfolios in real estate and real estate related assets. The Adviser also from time to time establishes certain related co-investment vehicles (the “Co-Investment Funds”, and together with the Fund, the “Funds”) typically for the purpose of making a single investment. The Adviser also provides discretionary investment advisory services to the Co-Investment Funds. The Adviser’s investment objectives and restrictions are specified in the limited partnership agreement between the Adviser and the Fund or the Co-Investment Fund, as applicable, and described in the applicable offering memorandum or other disclosure document for the Fund or the applicable Co-Investment Fund. The Adviser does not otherwise tailor its advisory services.

Generally, the Fund is no longer making new investments, but its principal purpose was to invest in non-controlling interests in public and private equity securities as well as public and private fixed income instruments of real estate and real estate-related companies. The Fund may also invest directly in real estate and real estate related assets or, to a limited extent, purchase controlling positions in real estate or real estate related companies either directly or in connection with the conversion of convertible securities that were non-controlling at the time of the original investment. In addition, the Fund may invest in derivative transactions, including, but not limited to, futures contracts, swaps, exchange-listed and over-the-counter put and call options on securities, indices, forward foreign currency contracts and various interest rate transactions. The Fund may also make temporary and follow-on investments.

The Fund converted from an open-ended to a closed-ended structure in 2013 and no longer makes new investments (with some exceptions for follow-on investments). In addition, the General Partner appointed Proprium Capital Partners, LLC (the “Sub-Advisor”) to provide certain portfolio and asset management services, and reporting; analytical and administrative services to the Fund. The appointment gives the Sub-Advisor substantial discretionary

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<sup>1</sup> The Adviser’s assets under management for purposes of this disclosure is based on the Funds’ Net Asset Values (“NAV”), as reported externally to limited partners. NAV is also the basis on which fees are determined.

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management over certain investments (the “Sub-Advised Investments”) while the General Partner retains management of the remaining investments (the “Retained Investments”). Several former Morgan Stanley professionals, including Tim Morris and Willem de Geus, are employed by the Sub-Advisor.

The activities of the Adviser described in this Brochure may be performed by the Adviser or by one of its affiliates that acts as a general partner or managing member of the applicable Fund.

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## **Item 5 – Fees and Compensation**

Fee rates are subject to negotiation, and may be higher or lower than the fees charged to other clients.

### **Management Fees**

An affiliate of the Adviser is paid a quarterly management fee in arrears (the “Management Fee”) ranging from 0.25% to 0.5% of the net asset value of the Fund in respect of each series of units of the Fund as of the end of each fiscal quarter (i.e., an annual rate ranging from 1% to 2%). In addition, an affiliate of the Adviser may be paid management fees based on the net asset value of each Co-Investment Fund as described more fully in the applicable Co-Investment Fund’s offering documents. The management fees paid by Co-Investment Funds vary based on the size of the applicable Co-Investment Fund, the nature and complexity of the underlying investments and other factors but generally range from 0% to 2% of the applicable Co-Investment Fund’s net asset value. The Management Fee and the management fees paid by Co-Investment Funds are generally paid directly by such entities to the General Partner (see also “Co-Investments” below for additional information on the fees and expenses relating to co-investments).

### **Incentive Allocation**

An affiliate of the Adviser is also entitled to receive an annual incentive allocation (the “Incentive Allocation”) equal to up to 25% of the increase in the net asset value of any series of units above its prior high net asset value (the “Prior High NAV”). The Prior High NAV of a series of units initially will be equal to the net asset value (“NAV”) of such series immediately following its issuance and will generally be “reset” to equal its current NAV immediately following the date as of which an Incentive Allocation has been made. In addition, the Fund includes specific entities designed to admit only Morgan Stanley current and former employees (and certain other permissible related investors) (each, an “Employee Fund”). With respect to each Employee Fund, absent certain circumstances relating to the termination of employment of a Limited Partner with Morgan Stanley, the Incentive Allocation is equal to 12.5%. The Incentive Allocation was previously paid in the form of units that may be redeemed after a two-year lock-up period. Effective March 1, 2013, the Fund ceased issuing units to the Adviser’s affiliates in respect of any Incentive Allocation and the Incentive Allocation has been paid in cash since then.

In addition, an affiliate of the Adviser may receive an incentive allocation, carried interest or other performance-based compensation based on increases in NAV, distributions in excess of capital contributions or another measure of profitability of a Co-Investment Fund. Any such performance-based compensation paid to such affiliate in respect of a Co-Investment Fund will vary based on the size of the applicable Co-Investment Fund, the nature and complexity of the underlying investments and other factors but generally range from 10% to 20% of the

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appropriate measure of the applicable Co-Investment Fund's performance as described more fully in the applicable Co-Investment Fund's offering documents.

The Adviser reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to reduce all or any portion of or modify in any way the Management Fee or Incentive Allocation applicable to any Limited Partner of the Fund as may be agreed to by the Adviser and such Limited Partner. The Adviser may likewise reduce or modify the management fees and such performance-based compensation applicable to any investor in a Co-Investment Fund (see also "Co-Investments" below for additional information on the fees and expenses relating to co-investments).

### **Placement Fees**

With respect to the Funds, broker-dealer affiliates of the Adviser acted as placement agents in connection with the placement of the Fund's interests. To the extent these broker-dealers received fees in connection with such placements, the placement fees were paid by the Adviser.

### **Expenses**

The Fund may also bear certain out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Adviser and/or its affiliates in connection with the services provided to the Fund. The payment of such expenses by the Fund does not represent a source of profit for the Adviser, but rather is a reimbursement of actual costs initially paid by the Adviser (or its affiliates) and subsequently passed through to the Fund. The most common expenses include (i) expenses incurred in connection with identifying, evaluating, structuring and negotiating any potential Fund investment (including reverse break-up, termination and other similar fees payable by the Fund, deposits and commitment fees) and the acquisition, holding, sale, proposed sale or valuation of any Fund investments (including brokerage, custody and other types of fees); and (ii) ordinary administrative expenses, including fees of auditors, attorneys, the Fund's valuation agent, the Fund's administrator, and other professionals, costs of annual meetings and reports to Limited Partners. In addition, Morgan Stanley may provide the Fund with certain data processing, legal or insurance purchasing or administrative services (but excluding accounting services) which would otherwise be performed for the Fund by third parties and, in such event, Morgan Stanley will be reimbursed by the Fund for these services.

In certain circumstances, the General Partner may retain Morgan Stanley to provide various investment banking or other advisory services for the Fund and its portfolio companies and cause the Fund and the portfolio companies to pay Morgan Stanley customary fees for these services.

The expenses to be borne by the Co-Investment Funds are described in the offering memoranda of these entities.

### **Co-Investments**

The terms of a co-investment applicable to one co-investor may be different than the terms applicable to another co-investor, including that certain co-investors may be required to pay an incentive allocation or carried interest and/or management fees while other co-investors

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(including affiliates of Morgan Stanley) may not be required to pay such amounts. The Adviser or the General Partner may or may not charge management fees, one time funding fees and/or incentive allocation or carried interest in respect of co-investments, subject to the terms of any applicable agreements with investors. The allocation of any co-investment opportunities may directly or indirectly benefit the Adviser or General Partner as a result of, among other things, the receipt of any such fees or incentive allocation or carried interest, capital commitments to the Fund and capital commitments to other Affiliated Investment Accounts (as hereinafter defined). Co-investors in one or more specific investments will not necessarily be required to share in broken-deal expenses that are paid by any of the Funds, either with respect to a co-investment opportunity that is not consummated or with respect to other potential investments that may be offered to the Funds. The performance of co-investments is not aggregated with that of the Funds, including for purposes of determining the General Partner's or the Adviser's management fees under the limited partnership agreement. See also "Allocation of Co-Investment Opportunities" in Item 11 below for additional information on the allocation of co-investment opportunities.

#### **Disparate Fee Arrangements with Service Providers**

Certain advisors and other service providers to the Fund (including accountants, administrators, lenders, bankers, brokers, agents, attorneys, consultants, and investment or commercial banking firms), and/or their affiliates also provide goods or services to or have business, personal, political, financial or other relationships with Morgan Stanley, the General Partner, the Adviser or their affiliates. Such advisors and other service providers may be investors in any of the Funds, affiliates of the General Partner, sources of investment opportunities or co-investors or counterparties therewith. These other services and relationships may influence the General Partner and the Adviser in deciding whether to select or recommend such a service provider to perform services for any of the Funds (the cost of which generally will be borne by the relevant Fund and, indirectly, such Fund's Limited Partners). In certain circumstances, advisors and other service providers, or their affiliates charge different rates or have different arrangements for services provided to Morgan Stanley, the General Partner, the Adviser or their affiliates as compared to services provided to any of the Funds, which may result in more favorable rates or arrangements than those payable by such Fund. Item 10 further describes material relationships with Morgan Stanley and other affiliated entities.

The Confidential Private Placement Memorandum for the Fund includes further details on fees and compensation and related matters. Further details on fees for Co-Investment Funds are described in the offering memoranda of these entities.



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

As described in Item 5, the Adviser has entered into performance fee arrangements with qualified clients and such fees are subject to individualized negotiation with each such client. The Adviser will structure any performance or incentive fee arrangement subject to Section 205(a)(1) of the Advisers Act in accordance with the available exemptions thereunder, including the exemption set forth in Rule 205-3. Performance-based fee arrangements may create an incentive for the Adviser to recommend investments which may be riskier or more speculative than those which would be recommended under a different fee arrangement. Such fee arrangements also create an incentive to favor higher fee paying accounts over other accounts in the allocation of investment opportunities. The Adviser has designed and implemented procedures to ensure that all clients are treated fairly and equitably, and to prevent this conflict from influencing the allocation of investment opportunities among clients.

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## **Item 7 – Types of Clients**

The Adviser provides portfolio management services to pooled investment vehicles. These pooled investment vehicles are not subject to regulation under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “Investment Company Act”). Generally, investors must commit to invest a minimum of \$5 million, unless otherwise approved. In addition, with respect to the Employee Funds, investors in those funds must generally invest a minimum of \$100,000, unless otherwise approved.

In addition, Limited Partner interests in the Fund may be purchased only by certain eligible investors who are “accredited investors” as defined in Regulation D of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), and “qualified purchasers” for purposes of Section 3(c)(7) of the Investment Company Act. In the case of the Employee Funds, interests have been offered and sold to investors who are “accredited investors” as defined in Regulation D of the Securities Act and in accordance with the requirements of an exemptive order under the Investment Company Act received by Morgan Stanley from the SEC in April 2000.

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

The discussion in this Item 8 of the Adviser's strategies and analyses is in respect of the Fund and the Retained Investments. Readers are urged to review the Sub-Advisor's Form ADV Part 2A Brochure for a discussion of the Sub-Advisor's strategies and analyses in respect of the Sub-Advised Investments.

### **Investment Strategies**

The investment period for the Fund has ended (with some exceptions for follow-on investments).

The Adviser has pursued the Fund's investment objectives by executing a multi-asset class strategy that involves investing principally in non-controlling interests in public and private equity securities as well as public and private fixed income instruments of real estate and real estate related companies. Investments include companies that are engaged in businesses which in significant part, as determined by the Adviser, are engaged in the ownership or operation of, or the provision of services relating to, real estate assets, and may also include other pooled investment vehicles. The Fund may also, as part of its investment strategy, invest in securities and real estate indices and in derivatives linked to such indices and to individual real estate related companies. The Fund may also invest directly in real estate and real estate related assets and, to a limited extent, purchase controlling positions in real estate or real estate related companies either directly or in connection with the conversion of convertible securities that were non-controlling at the time of the original investment. The Fund may also, as part of its investment program, make follow-on investments. From time to time, the Adviser may cause the Fund to invest cash held by the Fund in temporary investments ("Temporary Investments") on a short-term basis pending distribution to Fund investors, for payments of expenses or other obligations of the Fund, or for defensive purposes. Temporary Investments will principally take the form of securities, commercial paper and certificates of deposit.

The Adviser's main sources of information and investment opportunities are contacts with employees of Morgan Stanley, a public company listed on the New York Stock Exchange (of which the Adviser is a wholly owned subsidiary), industry executives and established business relationships, including the Sub-Advisor. Regional investment teams are responsible for performing due diligence on potential investments. Such analysis includes underwriting the potential returns and risks for such investments (including legal, tax, accounting and environmental issues), as well as regularly monitoring the value of such investments. The regional investment teams assess the impact of various macro and microeconomic shifts on potential investments and make recommendations to Morgan Stanley Real Estate Investing ("MSREI") on strategies to maximize the value of investments.

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## **Methods of Analysis**

### ***Evaluation of Investment Opportunities; Investment Decisions***

All investment decisions regarding the Retained Investments are made by the Adviser in consultation with the investment committee, appointed by the General Partner. The investment committee is comprised of senior professionals of Morgan Stanley and the Sub-Advisor, including individuals with a wide range of relevant real estate, investment banking, capital markets, private equity, risk management and business experience.

In connection with making a proposed investment, Morgan Stanley prepares analyses to project realizable cash flows and assess the ability of the real estate investment to support its obligations as well as its potential to appreciate in capital value. Where appropriate in its analysis, Morgan Stanley works with management, developers or other partners and consultants to enhance Morgan Stanley's understanding of the real estate investment and its prospects.

MSREI's professionals, through years of real estate industry experience, provide the Fund with significant support in evaluating investment opportunities. In the aggregate, such professionals have knowledge of most of the major real estate markets in the United States and globally. In addition, many of MSREI's professionals are familiar with the real estate classes in which the Fund may consider making an investment. Such in-house industry expertise should permit the Fund to respond to investment opportunities in an expedited manner.

Where appropriate, Morgan Stanley retains third-party consultants to assess business and market conditions, competition, physical and environmental concerns and other factors that it deems necessary to review with external advisers.

### ***Management of Risk***

After completing an acquisition, Morgan Stanley considers further steps to manage the on-going risk, including managing interest rate and foreign exchange rate exposure, monitoring debt duration and mix of maturities, the sale of properties with limited upside potential, global insurance policies and appropriate economic incentives for property managers, joint venture partners and corporate executives.

### ***Asset Management***

Morgan Stanley oversees the Fund's Retained Investments utilizing strict operational and accounting controls in conjunction with periodic site inspections, while corporate management teams, joint venture partners and other third-party property managers are responsible for the day-to-day operations of each investment. The entities responsible for the day-to-day operations of specific investments are compensated in a manner intended to ensure that the interests of these

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entities are aligned with those of the Funds. Generally, this is achieved through equity participation in the investment and compensation linked to the success of the investment.

In connection with the Funds' asset management program, the Adviser supervises and oversees the management of each Retained Investment, reviewing the operational discussions, joint venture decisions and third-party property managers with the objective of maximizing the overall performance of each such investment. Reporting on the performance of each Retained Investment is integral to the Funds' asset management program. Status reports on the Funds' Retained Investments are prepared by the separate corporate management teams, joint venture partners and third-party property managers for review by the Adviser. In addition, an operating budget for each property and investment is prepared for review and approval by the Adviser.

A group of senior MSREI team executives comprised of investment and asset management professionals reviews the operations of the Fund's Retained Investments and approves or disapproves any strategic operating decisions regarding a property or investment. These senior executives recommend disposition and recapitalization strategies based on the ongoing performance of specific investments and changing market conditions.

### **Risk of Loss – Certain Risks Related to Investment Strategy**

Investing in securities involves risk of loss that clients should be prepared to bear. The Adviser cannot provide assurance that it will be able to generate any level of returns for investors. The Adviser's investment strategy entails a high degree of risk and is suitable only for sophisticated investors who fully understand and are capable of bearing the risks of an investment in the Fund.

The following list of risk factors does not purport to be a complete list or explanation of the risks involved in an investment in the Fund. The risks summarized below are described in greater detail in the Confidential Offering Memorandum for the Fund or Co-Investment Fund. In addition, there are other risks (in addition to risks related to our investment strategy) associated with investing in the Fund, which are described in the Confidential Offering Memorandum. You may also request an updated explanation of risk factors by contacting Morgan Stanley Real Estate Investing Investor Services as described above.

- risks associated with real estate investments;
- fluctuations in the prices of the equity-related securities and instruments;
- competitive real estate investing environment;
- risks arising from the volatility of the real estate markets and private equity, private debt, public equity, public debt and other financial markets;
- risks associated with investment in derivatives;
- failure of service providers (including the Sub-Advisor), counterparties or brokers;

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- changes to the Fund's investment strategies;
  - risks of acquiring real estate loans, participations, mezzanine debt and fixed income securities;
  - financial risks of portfolio issuers and inability to influence a portfolio issuer's affairs;
  - third-party partner investment risks for joint ventures and partnerships;
  - lack of diversification due to number, location and type of investments;
  - interest rate fluctuations;
  - lack of liquidity and long term nature of investments;
  - limited current return;
  - indemnification;
  - tax considerations;
  - use of leverage;
  - risks of borrowing, including inability to obtain indebtedness on favorable terms;
  - commercial and business risks associated with portfolio companies;
  - failure to refinance bridge financing;
  - investments in non-performing, underperforming or other troubled assets;
  - risks associated with non-U.S. investments;
  - use of hedging techniques;
  - expedited transactions;
  - valuation risks;
  - currency risks;
  - cybersecurity risks;
  - limitations on investing due to possession of inside information; and
  - burdensome regulation by one or more governmental entities in specific industries.

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## **Item 9 – Disciplinary Information**

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

In February 2009, Morgan Stanley announced that it had uncovered actions initiated by an employee based in China in an overseas real estate subsidiary that appear to have violated the United States Foreign Corrupt Practices Act. Morgan Stanley terminated the employee, reported the activity to appropriate authorities and cooperated with investigations undertaken by the DOJ and the SEC. On April 25, 2012, the DOJ announced that the former employee had pled guilty to certain criminal charges, and the SEC announced that it had brought certain civil charges against the former employee, which were settled. On the same day, the DOJ and SEC announced that they would not take any action against Morgan Stanley in connection with this matter.

Unrelated to the immediately preceding paragraph, in February 2009, the Italian financial and securities regulatory authority, known as Consob, made findings involving Mr. Olivier de Poulpiquet and others as described below. The events at issue took place in 2007, when Mr. de Poulpiquet was a member of the Board of Directors and the Managing Director of the Investment & Asset Management Division of Pirelli & C. Real Estate S.p.A. ("Pirelli RE"), and involved tender offers made by a joint venture vehicle (the "JV") owned by Pirelli RE and Morgan Stanley Real Estate Special Situations Fund III, L.P. for the units of two Italian listed investment funds managed by Pirelli & C. Real Estate SGR S.p.A. ("Pirelli RE SGR"), an affiliate of Pirelli RE. The JV was advised by Morgan Stanley and Bonelli Erede Pappalardo in connection with the tender offers. The tender offers triggered competing bids from third parties, resulting in increases in the purchase prices for the investment funds' units from €90 to €90 per unit in the case of one investment fund and from €40 to €13 per unit in the case of the other investment fund. To the best of our knowledge, there were no complaints filed by any investor in either of the two listed investment funds with respect to the tender offers and their outcomes.

The Consob findings were issued in February 2009, pursuant to which Consob found Pirelli RE, Pirelli RE SGR, and directors and certain officers and employees of Pirelli RE and Pirelli RE SGR (in all, eight individuals including Mr. de Poulpiquet) to have violated Italian securities laws. Consob found that the tender offer documents relating to both tender offers did not adequately disclose information concerning the reasons for the tender offers and the future plans of the JV with respect to the investment fund units purchased by the JV for cash pursuant to the tender offers. Consob also found that the tender offer documents for one of the tender offers failed to disclose that the purchase price offered in the tender offer was not supported by a certain financial analysis prepared for the JV. In addition, a third finding related to undue influence involving a conflict of interest by Pirelli RE and certain Pirelli RE representatives over certain actions taken by Pirelli RE SGR in connection with the tender offer. The Consob

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findings were appealed to an intermediate appeals court which overturned one finding but upheld the three described above, including administrative monetary sanctions aggregating €460,000 against Mr. de Poulpique. Mr. de Poulpique contested the findings and both he and Consob appealed various issues to the Italian Supreme Court, which on November 20, 2015 upheld the decisions of the intermediate appeals court.

At the time Mr. de Poulpique joined Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc (“Morgan Stanley International”) in 2010, Morgan Stanley International reviewed the Consob findings. Based on their assessment of Mr. de Poulpique and the Consob findings, Morgan Stanley International and the Adviser concluded and continue to believe that Mr. de Poulpique is fit for his role with the Adviser.



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

### **Introduction**

As a diversified global financial services firm, Morgan Stanley engages in a broad spectrum of activities including financial advisory services, investment management activities, lending, commercial banking, sponsoring and managing private investment funds, engaging in broker-dealer transactions and principal securities, commodities and foreign exchange transactions, research publication and other activities. Investors should be aware that potential and actual conflicts of interest between Morgan Stanley or any Affiliated Investment Account, on the one hand, and each of the Funds, on the other hand, may exist and others may arise in connection with the operation of the Funds. Morgan Stanley's employees may also have interests separate from those of Morgan Stanley and the Funds. The discussion below enumerates certain actual, apparent and potential conflicts of interest. The Adviser can give no assurance that conflicts of interest will be resolved in favor of the Funds' investors, and, in fact, they may not be.

The following discussion enumerates certain potential conflicts of interest, which should be carefully evaluated before making an investment in any of the Funds.

### **Broker-Dealer Registration**

Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC is a registered broker-dealer. Certain of the Adviser's management persons are registered representatives of Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC where it is necessary or appropriate to perform their responsibilities.

### **Commodity Pool Operator, Commodity Trading Adviser, Futures Commission Merchant Registration**

The Adviser, each Fund, their respective portfolio companies and their respective affiliates may use the commodity pool operator, commodity trading advisor and futures commission merchant registrations or exemptions of one or more of the following related persons: Prime Property Fund Asia GP Pte Limited, Morgan Stanley Infrastructure GP LP, Morgan Stanley Infrastructure, Inc., MSCP V GP Inc., MS Capital Partners V GP L.P., North Haven Real Estate Fund VIII Global Foreign Hedging, L.L.C., MS Capital Partners VI GP L.P., MS Energy Partners GP LP, Morgan Stanley Private Equity Asia, L.L.C, Morgan Stanley, Private Equity Asia III, L.L.C., Morgan Stanley Private Equity Asia IV, L.L.C., MSREF III, L.L.C., MSREF IV International-GP, L.L.C., MSREF V, L.L.C., MSREF V U.S.-GP, L.L.C., MSREF V, International-GP, L.L.C., MSREF Real Estate Advisor, Inc., MSREF VI International-GP, L.L.C., MSREF VII Hedging GP, Ltd., MSREF VII Global-GP, L.P., MSREF VIII Global-GP, L.P., North Haven Real Estate Fund VIII Global-F, L.P., MSREI IX Global-GP, L.P., Morgan Stanley Infrastructure II GP LP, Morgan Stanley Real Estate Special Situations III-GP LLC, SSF III Hedging GP, Ltd., MS Capital Partners Adviser, Inc., Morgan Stanley Private Equity Asia Inc., MSREF III, Inc.,

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MSREF IV, L.L.C., Morgan Stanley AIP GP LP, Morgan Stanley Alternative Investment Partners LP, and Morgan Stanley Investment Management Inc.

**Other Material Relationships with Affiliated Entities**

- Broker-Dealer, Municipal Securities Dealer, Government Securities Dealer or Broker

To the extent permitted by applicable law, the Adviser, each Fund or their portfolio companies may use the securities, futures execution, underwriting or other services offered by Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC or other affiliates. Please see Item 12 for more information about the Adviser's practices concerning using a Morgan Stanley affiliate as a broker.

- Participating Affiliates

Investment advice is provided to the Funds and the General Partner not only through the Adviser (and, in respect of the Funds, the Sub-Advisor) but also through certain of the employees of one or more of the following related persons:

- Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc
- Morgan Stanley Bank International Limited
- Morgan Stanley SGR S.P.A.
- Morgan Stanley (France) SAS
- Morgan Stanley S.V., S.A.U.
- Morgan Stanley Bank AG
- Morgan Stanley Australia Limited
- Morgan Stanley India Financial Services Private Limited
- Morgan Stanley Asia Limited
- Morgan Stanley Asia (Singapore) PTE
- Morgan Stanley Capital K.K.
- Morgan Stanley Business Consulting (Shanghai) Limited
- OOO Morgan Stanley Bank

These related persons may or may not be registered with the SEC as investment advisers but are foreign affiliated advisers that may provide advice or research for the Adviser for use with the Funds (in such capacity, the "Participating Affiliates"). The Participating Affiliates also may provide non-advisory services to the Adviser and the Funds. The Adviser may delegate all or a portion of its advisory or other functions to any of its Participating Affiliates.

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The Participating Affiliates will remain subject to the supervision of the Adviser in respect of their provision of services to the Adviser and the Funds.

- Other Advisory Affiliates

The Adviser is part of a group of investment advisers within the Morgan Stanley Investment Management business, including Morgan Stanley Investment Management Inc., Morgan Stanley Investment Management Limited, Morgan Stanley Investment Management (Japan) Co., Ltd., Morgan Stanley AIP GP LP, Morgan Stanley Asset Management Private Limited, Morgan Stanley Real Estate Advisor, Inc., MS Capital Partners Adviser Inc., Morgan Stanley Infrastructure Inc., Morgan Stanley Private Equity Asia, Inc., MSREF III, Inc., MSREF IV, L.L.C., MSREF V, L.L.C. and MSREF Real Estate Advisor, Inc.

The Adviser, in its discretion, may delegate all or a portion of its advisory or other functions to any affiliate that is registered with the SEC as an investment adviser and may receive a variety of services from such affiliates, including gathering information about potential investment opportunities, financial advice and assistance in connection with the making, monitoring and disposing of investments and securities underwriting and brokerage services in connection with the sale of investments. The Adviser shares certain officers and directors with related investment advisers that also manage affiliated private equity funds.

To the extent that the Adviser delegates its advisory or other functions to such investment advisers, a copy of the brochure of each such affiliate is available on the SEC's website and will be provided to investors in the Funds upon request.

- Affiliates Acting as Fundraising Broker-Dealers

Broker-dealers that are affiliates of Morgan Stanley may act as placement agents (the "Placement Agents") to assist in the placement of interests to certain Limited Partners (such Limited Partners, the "Solicited Partners"). The potential for the Placement Agents to receive compensation in connection with a Solicited Partner's investment in the Funds presents a potential conflict of interest in recommending that such Solicited Partner purchase interests.

The prospect of receiving, or the receipt of, additional compensation by the Placement Agents may provide such Placement Agents and their salespersons with an incentive to favor sales of interests and interests in funds whose affiliates make similar compensation available over sales of interests in funds (or other fund investments) with respect to which the Placement Agent does not receive additional compensation, or receives lower levels of additional compensation. Prospective investors should take such payment arrangements into account when considering and evaluating any recommendations related to the interests. Morgan Stanley employees involved in the marketing and placement of the interests are not acting as tax, financial, legal or accounting advisors to

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potential investors in connection with the offering of the interests. Potential investors must independently evaluate the offering and make their own investment decisions.

The Adviser and the Funds may use registered representatives and/or employees of its affiliates to conduct solicitation activities in relation to new or incoming Limited Partners to the Funds or act as placement agents.

- Affiliates Acting as Investment Bankers

In the ordinary course of its business, Morgan Stanley performs full-service investment banking and financial services and therefore engages in activities where Morgan Stanley's interests or the interests of its clients may conflict with the interests of the investors, notwithstanding Morgan Stanley's direct or indirect participation in the investments of the Funds.

From time to time, Morgan Stanley's investment banking professionals may introduce to one or more of the Funds a client that requires equity to complete an acquisition transaction. If the relevant Fund pursues the resulting investment, Morgan Stanley could have a conflict in its representation of the client over the price and terms of such Fund's investment.

Morgan Stanley has long-term relationships with a significant number of institutions and corporations and their advisors as well as with certain Limited Partners. In determining whether to pursue a particular transaction on behalf of a Fund, these relationships will be considered by Morgan Stanley and there may be certain potential transactions that will or will not be pursued on behalf of such Fund in view of such relationships.

In addition, Morgan Stanley could provide investment banking services to competitors of companies in which a Fund invests, in which case it will take appropriate steps to safeguard the confidential information of each investment banking client. Morgan Stanley is under no obligation to share and, in fact, may be prohibited by applicable law from sharing, any such confidential or material non-public information with the Funds or the Adviser. Such activities may present Morgan Stanley with a conflict of interest vis-à-vis a Fund's portfolio companies and may also result in a conflict with respect to the allocation of investment banking resources to portfolio companies. Alternatively, any material non-public information about a potential investment or portfolio company in which Morgan Stanley comes into possession may preclude a Fund from pursuing an investment or exit opportunity with respect to such portfolio company or investment.

Morgan Stanley may also be engaged to act as financial advisor to financially troubled companies in which the Fund holds an investment. Morgan Stanley's compensation for such activities is generally based upon the successful completion of a restructuring which may include raising funds for the purchase, exchange or restructuring of existing

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securities or loans or for an equity infusion. In such case, certain conflicts of interest would be inherent in the situation including those involved in valuing the company.

- Other Limited Partnership Investment Vehicles or Funds

- General; Incentive Allocations/Carried Interests

The Adviser and/or certain related persons have and may continue to organize other partnerships and serve as the manager, general partner, or the managing member or general partner of the general partner, to these partnerships. In organizing these partnerships, the Adviser or a related person may be deemed to have been or to be soliciting investors.

The Adviser's affiliate's incentive allocation may create an incentive for it to make more speculative investments for a Fund than it would otherwise make in the absence of such performance-based distributions. Furthermore, investments made with third parties in joint ventures or other entities may involve incentive allocations or carried interests and/or other fees payable to such third party partners of co-investors, which could also create an incentive for such parties to take risks with respect to such investments. In addition, the method of calculating the incentive allocation may result in conflicts of interest between the Adviser's affiliate, on the one hand, and the investors, on the other hand, with respect to the management and disposition of investments. For example, the Adviser's affiliate will value any securities being distributed in-kind to investors in order to calculate the incentive allocation. If the valuations conducted by the Adviser's affiliate are incorrect, the amount of payment of incentive allocation could be incorrect.

- Morgan Stanley Investments and Affiliated Investment Accounts

Morgan Stanley may advise clients and has sponsored, managed or advised other alternative investment funds and investment programs, accounts and businesses (collectively, together with any new or successor funds, programs, accounts or businesses, the "Affiliated Investment Accounts") that have or will have active investment programs that are substantially similar to those of the Funds. Morgan Stanley may also from time to time create new or successor Affiliated Investment Accounts that may compete with the Funds and may present similar conflicts of interest. Certain members of the Fund's investment team and the investment committee may make investment decisions on behalf of both Morgan Stanley and such Affiliated Investment Accounts, including Affiliated Investment Accounts with investment objectives that overlap with those of the Fund. In addition, certain Affiliated Investment Accounts may make investments similar to those that may be made by the Fund even if they are not solely focused on such investments.

Morgan Stanley related persons (including Morgan Stanley's trading and principal investing businesses) will have no obligation to offer to the Fund investment opportunities that are excluded from any otherwise existing contractual obligation. In

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such situations, a Morgan Stanley related person may pursue and make the investment for its own account. When deciding how to allocate such opportunities, Morgan Stanley will exercise its discretion and may consider its own financial interests or the interests of other clients or affiliates of Morgan Stanley ahead of those of the Fund.

In some cases, Morgan Stanley or an Affiliated Investment Account may invite one or more of the Funds to co-invest with it or the General Partner may invite Morgan Stanley or an Affiliated Investment Account to co-invest with one or more of the Funds, in either the same or different tiers of a portfolio company's capital structure or in an affiliate of such portfolio company. To the extent the relevant Fund holds investments in the same portfolio company or in an affiliate thereof that are different (including with respect to their relative seniority) than those held by Morgan Stanley or an Affiliated Investment Account, the Adviser and Morgan Stanley may be presented with decisions when the interests of the two co-investors are in conflict. See also "Allocation of Co-Investment Opportunities" in Item 11 below for additional information on the allocation of co-investment opportunities.

- Other Morgan Stanley Investment Management Activities

Morgan Stanley and its affiliates invest, on behalf of themselves, in securities and other instruments that would be appropriate for, are held by, or may fall within the investment guidelines of a client. In connection with these activities, Morgan Stanley may also take actions for its own accounts that may differ from, conflict with, or be adverse to, advice given to 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 and/or the Fund.

Morgan Stanley, through its affiliates, invests in many of the private investment funds for its own account where Morgan Stanley affiliates act as an investment adviser and/or general partner. In addition, Morgan Stanley may receive performance-based compensation or benefit from a "carried interest" which is tied to the investment performance of such private investment funds. Morgan Stanley may engage in a variety of transactions, including entering into derivatives contracts, to limit its exposure to the risk of such investments. For example, Morgan Stanley may choose to hedge exposures (currency, interest rate, equities or commodities) arising from its investments in, or exposure to, through performance-based fees or carried interest, such private investment funds. These hedging activities may be inconsistent with the investment or hedging activities undertaken by Morgan Stanley affiliates acting as general partner and/or adviser to such private investment funds.

As a result of, and taking into account, such hedging, the performance of investors in such private investment funds who do not engage in hedging on their own may differ materially from those investors (including Morgan Stanley) who do engage in such activities. In addition, such activities may diminish the alignment of interest between

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Morgan Stanley and a particular private fund's investors.

- Management Persons

Officers and employees supporting the Adviser may also serve as directors of certain portfolio companies and, in that capacity, will be required to make decisions that they consider to be in the best interest of the portfolio company, which in certain circumstances may not be in the best interests of any of the Funds. Companies with which one or more members of the investment team or other employees of Morgan Stanley are involved may also engage in transactions that would be suitable for the Funds, but in which the Funds might be unable to invest. Accordingly, in these situations, there may be conflicts of interests between such person's duties as an officer or employee of the Adviser and such person's duties as a director of the portfolio company.

Certain of the Adviser's management persons may also hold positions with the affiliates listed above. In these positions, those management persons of the Adviser may have some responsibility with respect to the business of these affiliates and the compensation of these management persons may be based, in part, upon the profitability of other affiliates. Additionally, these management persons may come into possession confidential non-public information and may be recused from certain investment-related discussions, including investment committee meetings, so that such members do not receive information that would limit their ability to perform functions of their employment with Morgan Stanley unrelated to the Funds. Consequently, in carrying out their roles with the Adviser or the Funds and these other entities, the management persons of the Adviser may be subject to the same or similar conflicts of interest that exist between the Adviser and these affiliates.

### **Conflict Identification and Mitigation**

Morgan Stanley and the Adviser have established procedures intended to identify and mitigate conflicts of interest related to business activities on a worldwide basis. A conflict management officer for each business unit and/or region acts as a focal point to identify and address potential conflicts of interest in their business area. When appropriate, there is an escalation process to senior management within the business unit, and ultimately if necessary to Firm management or the Firm's conflict and franchise committees, for potentially significant conflicts that cannot be resolved in the ordinary course or that otherwise require senior management review. In addition, the Adviser addresses conflicts through disclosure to its investors and should any transactions that present a potential conflict of interest actually arise, the Adviser may in certain situations choose to seek the approval of the investors, Limited Partners and/or advisory committee for the Fund with respect to conflicts of interest or approvals required under the Advisers Act, including Section 206(3) and/or the relevant partnership agreement. The Adviser may also choose to seek the approval of Limited Partners of the applicable Funds with respect to certain conflict situations or matters under the Advisers Act.

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

### **Code of Ethics**

The Adviser has adopted a Code of Ethics (the "Code") pursuant to Rule 204A-1 under the Advisers Act, applicable to persons who are supervised by the Adviser or support the Adviser in providing investment advice to the Funds or the General Partner or, and who have access to non-public information regarding the purchase or sale of securities, or who make securities recommendations to the Funds or the General Partner, or who have access to such recommendations that are non-public ("Access Persons"). Each Access Person is required to acknowledge the Code at the inception of his/her employment and annually thereafter. The Code is designed to make certain that all acts, practices and courses of business engaged in by Access Persons are conducted in accordance with the highest possible standards and to prevent abuse, or even the appearance of abuse, by Access Persons with respect to their personal trading and other business activities.

The Code addresses the personal trading and investment activities of Access Persons, as more fully described below. In addition, the Code addresses standards of business conduct and fiduciary duties expected of Access Persons, including confidentiality obligations and restrictions on outside business activities and other conflicts of interest.

Violations of the Code are subject to sanction, including reprimand, demotion, suspension or termination of employment.

Copies of the Code are available upon request from the Adviser.

### **Personal Trading and Investments**

The Code refers to a number of policies governing the securities trading and investing activities of employees for their own accounts. Such policies require all Access Persons to pre-clear trades for covered securities, as defined under the policies, in a personal account. A pre-clearance request will be denied if such securities are under consideration for investment, or have been acquired by, a client of the Adviser, or if the Adviser is in receipt of material non-public information of the company or if another conflict exists. Such policies also impose holding periods and reporting requirements for covered securities. In addition, investments in private placements or an employee's participation in an outside business activity must be pre-approved by the employee's designated manager and the Chief Compliance Officer.

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

We recommend that current or prospective investors invest in our Funds. Prior to subscribing for interests in a Fund, investors receive information relating to potential conflicts of interest between the activities of the Fund and the business activities of the Adviser, and its affiliates, or clients that may have a financial interest in the securities in which the Fund invests.



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On rare occasions, a Fund may sell a security or asset which another fund, or an affiliate of the Adviser, wants to own. On these occasions, after extensive Firm and legal and compliance review and documentation, a sale of the security or asset from one fund to another may be permitted.

The Adviser may purchase and sell public and private investments and co-invest the assets of the clients alongside other funds and accounts managed by the Adviser or its affiliates in compliance with the requirements and conditions of rules, regulations, orders, or interpretations of the SEC, or no-action letters of the SEC Staff, and in accordance with fund and client account governing documents.

### **Allocation of Investment Opportunities**

The Adviser has a governance process in place to ensure that each client is treated in a fair and equitable manner. The following factors will be considered, as appropriate, in connection with allocation decisions:

- Investment guidelines, goals or restrictions of the client
- Capacity of the client
- Existing allocation to similar strategies and the diversification objectives of the client
- Tax, legal or regulatory considerations
- Rights of first offer in favor of a client
- With respect to co-investment allocations, whether the co-investor can provide value add to the operations of the business or provide future opportunities to the business of the client (see also “Allocation of Co-Investment Opportunities” below)
- Other relevant business considerations

The Adviser is empowered to take into account other considerations it deems appropriate to ensure a fair and equitable allocation of opportunities.

### **Allocation of Co-Investment Opportunities**

The General Partner may offer co-investment opportunities with respect to none, some or all of a Fund’s investments. In the event that the General Partner offers co-investment opportunities, such opportunities will be offered pursuant to the terms of the applicable partnership agreement. With respect to certain of the Funds, certain of the investors may have priority rights (but not obligations) to participate in co-investment opportunities, subject to the terms and conditions of the applicable partnership agreement, subscription agreement, side letter agreement or other agreement setting forth such priority rights. After the allocation of co-investment opportunities to such investors with priority rights to co-investment opportunities (if any), the General Partner may allocate the remainder (if any) of co-investment opportunities among interested parties in its

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sole discretion including for example, on the basis of the size of investor commitments to a Fund and other Affiliated Investment Accounts as well as a broad range of other considerations, including, commercial considerations for the applicable portfolio investment, a Limited Partner's stated desire to participate in co-investments, the General Partner's determination of the appropriateness of offering a co-investment opportunity, an investor's ability to execute such offer and the approval of transaction counterparties. There can be no assurances with respect to the amount of any co-investment opportunity that will be made available to a Limited Partner in connection with the relevant Fund, and there is no guarantee, prediction or projection of the availability to a Limited Partner of future co-investment opportunities.

Investing in any of the Funds does not entitle a Limited Partner to allocations of co-investment opportunities. Co-investment opportunities may, and typically will, be offered to some and not other investors or to third parties (including affiliates of Morgan Stanley) who are not investors in any of the Funds. In addition, subject to the foregoing priority rights (if applicable), an investor may be offered fewer co-investment opportunities than investors with the same or smaller capital commitments in a Fund and other Affiliated Investment Accounts, and some investors may receive no such offers while other investors with capital commitments of the same or lower amount may receive substantial offers for such opportunities. Limited Partners are not required to participate in co-investments offered by the General Partner. The actual number of co-investment opportunities made available to Limited Partners may be significantly higher or lower than those made available in connection with other Affiliated Investment Accounts.

Please refer to Item 10 for a description of other financial industry activities and affiliations of Morgan Stanley, and a discussion of the material conflicts relating thereto.

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## **Item 12 – Brokerage Practices**

When executing transactions on behalf of the Funds through a broker, dealer or underwriter, the Adviser's objective will be to obtain "best execution" (that is, the most favorable price and execution). The Adviser's effort to obtain best execution on any individual transaction depends substantially on its judgment, knowledge and experience in evaluating the counterparties', advisers' and service providers' ("Counterparties") reliability and capability based on previous and pending transactions effected by the broker-dealer for client accounts. Some of the factors considered by the Adviser in selecting a Counterparty include, among other things, execution quality and capabilities, including with regard to market making, commissions charged by and gross compensation paid to such Counterparty, and special knowledge of the Adviser's client's markets.

The Adviser will only consider engaging in a principal or cross transaction with Morgan Stanley or its affiliates on behalf of a Fund or client to the extent permitted by applicable law.

A broker-dealer (including a Morgan Stanley affiliate) may act as agent for one or more clients in selling publicly traded securities simultaneously. In such a situation, transactions may, but are not required to, be bundled and clients will receive proceeds from sales based on average prices received, which may be lower than the price which could have been received had each client sold its securities separately from such broker-dealer's other clients.

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**Item 13 – Review of Accounts**

In general, the investment committee or a sub-committee thereof reviews all material proposed investment decisions that deviate from the business plan for such investment. The members of the investment committee are identified in the Supplements to the Adviser's Brochure in Form ADV Part 2B.

The investments made by the Fund are generally private, illiquid and long-term in nature. Accordingly, the review process is not directed toward a short-term decision to dispose of securities. However, the portfolio management staff of the Adviser or the Sub-Advisor closely monitors companies and assets in which the Fund invests and generally maintains an ongoing oversight position in such companies and assets (including, where relevant, representation on the board of directors of such companies). Reviews occur on a quarterly and (in some cases) monthly basis.

The Adviser provides written quarterly unaudited reports and annual audited reports to the Limited Partners of each of the Funds, which include, among other things, financial statements and descriptions of the investments. All reports shall be prepared on such basis as the General Partner determines in good faith will appropriately reflect the operations and assets of each of the Funds.

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

The Adviser may from time to time compensate placement agents (which may include certain of its affiliates) in return for referrals of Limited Partners. Any additional compensation paid specifically for such referrals will meet the requirements of Rule 206(4)-3 under the Advisers Act, if applicable.

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**Item 15 – Custody**

The Adviser is deemed to have custody of the Fund's cash and securities by virtue of its relationship with the General Partner. Each Limited Partner of the Fund will receive the Fund's audited financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles within 120 days of the end of the Fund's fiscal year.

The Limited Partners of the Co-Investment Funds will receive the relevant Co-Investment Fund's audited financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles within 75 or 90 days (as applicable pursuant to each Co-Investment Fund's limited partnership agreement) of the end of each Co-Investment Funds' fiscal year.

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## **Item 16 – Investment Discretion**

As the manager of the General Partner, the Adviser (together with the General Partner of the Funds) will have discretion to determine, without consent of the Limited Partners, the terms, conditions and timing of follow-on acquisitions and dispositions related to the Retained Investments, the broker or dealer (including a Morgan Stanley affiliate) to be used (if any) and the commission rates to be paid by the Funds in cases where a broker or dealer is used (subject to certain limitations).

The Adviser will provide investment advice to the Funds, subject to certain investment limitations regarding the type of permitted investments as set forth in the relevant partnership agreements of the Fund. Such investment limitations may be disregarded with the consent of the Fund's Advisory Committee, as set forth in the relevant partnership agreement.

When executing transactions on behalf of a Fund through a broker, dealer or underwriter, the Adviser's objective will be to obtain the most favorable commission and the best price available on each transaction in light of the quality of execution provided. Consequently, brokers, dealers and underwriters are selected primarily on the basis of their execution, capability and trading expertise.

Investment discretion is assumed pursuant to the relevant limited partnership agreement, which confers express authority to the General Partner and its affiliates (including the Adviser) to make all decisions concerning the investigation, evaluation, selection, negotiation, structuring, commitment to, monitoring of and disposition of the Retained Investments.

The General Partner appointed the Sub-Advisor to provide substantial discretionary management over the Sub-Advised Investments.

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

The terms of the Sub-Advisor's appointment grant authority to the Sub-Advisor to exercise the Fund's right to vote proxies in respect of the Sub-Advised Investments. The Adviser retains the right to vote proxies in respect of the Retained Investments. Readers are urged to review the Sub-Advisor's Form ADV Part 2A Brochure for a discussion of the Sub-Advisor's policies and procedures regarding voting of client securities.

Where the Adviser has accepted authority to vote proxies on behalf of a client, the Adviser will vote proxies in accordance with its policies and procedures in place for voting of proxies (the "Proxy Voting Policy"), which are designed to ensure compliance with Rule 206(4)-6 of the Advisers Act. Copies of the Proxy Voting Policy are available upon request from the Adviser. Under the Proxy Voting Policy, the Adviser will vote proxies on behalf of the client based on a determination of the best interest of the client, consistent with the objective of maximizing long-term investment returns for the client.

In many situations, a client is a party to a stockholder or similar agreement. These agreements are entered into in the best interests of the client, and may require the Adviser to vote the other investors' nominees to a board of directors or similar body, or require a vote in favor of a particular transaction. If this is the case, the Adviser will comply with the applicable client's contractual obligations.

Where no contract requires a client to vote for a specific outcome, the Proxy Voting Policy is designed to be responsive to the wide range of issues that may be subject to proxy vote, but is not exhaustive due to the variety of proxy voting issues that the Adviser may be required to consider.

The clients generally make a limited number of direct investments in portfolio companies that will become or are public. As a result, the Adviser will generally cast proxy votes on behalf of the clients with respect to a limited number of public portfolio companies.

The Adviser reserves the right to depart from the Proxy Voting Policy in order to avoid voting decisions that it believes may be contrary to a client's best interests. In addition, the Adviser may also abstain from voting if, based on factors such as expense or difficulty of exercise, it determines that the client's interests are better served by an abstention.

The Adviser may be subject to conflicts of interest in the voting of proxies. A potential conflict of interest may occur where the Adviser or any of its affiliates or their respective employees has a direct or indirect economic stake in the outcome of a proxy vote that is different from a client's stake. When such a potential conflict arises between the Adviser and any of its affiliates or their respective employees on the one hand and one or more of the clients on the other, the matter is evaluated to determine whether an actual conflict exists. Where an actual conflict exists, the Adviser will take necessary and appropriate steps to address the conflict.



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**Item 18 – Financial Information**

Registered investment advisers are required in this Item to provide you with certain financial information or disclosure about the Adviser's financial condition. The Adviser is not aware of any financial condition that impairs its ability to meet contractual and fiduciary commitments to clients, and has not been the subject of a bankruptcy proceeding.