

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**  
**Before the**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**  
**Release No. 102527 / March 5, 2025**

**ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING**  
**File No. 3-22173**

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| <b>In the Matter of</b>                    | : |                          |
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| <b>Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner &amp;</b> | : | <b>ORDER APPOINTING</b>  |
| <b>Smith Incorporated,</b>                 | : | <b>TAX ADMINISTRATOR</b> |
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| <b>Respondent.</b>                         | : |                          |
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| <b>In the Matter of</b>              | : |
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| <b>Harvest Volatility Management</b> | : |
| <b>LLC,</b>                          | : |
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| <b>Respondent.</b>                   | : |
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On December 19, 2024, the Commission issued an Omnibus Order Extending the Engagement of Two Tax Administrators for Appointment on a Case-By-Case Basis in Administrative Proceedings that Establish Distribution Funds (the “Omnibus Order”).<sup>1</sup> The Omnibus Order engaged Miller Kaplan Arase LLP and Heffler, Radetich & Saitta, LLP to serve as the Commission’s tax administrator (“Tax Administrator”), for selection and appointment on an individual case basis, for the calendar year 2025 in administrative proceedings where the distribution fund may incur tax-related obligations as a Qualified Settlement Fund (“QSF”) under the Department of the Treasury Regulation § 1.468B-1(c).

The Director of the Division of Enforcement is authorized to appoint a Tax Administrator pursuant to the Omnibus Order.<sup>2</sup> The Commission staff has requested the appointment of Miller

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<sup>1</sup> Exchange Act Rel. No. 101986 (Dec. 19, 2024).

<sup>2</sup> See Delegation of Authority to Director of the Division of Enforcement, Securities Act Rel. No. 10900 (Dec. 10, 2020).

Kaplan Arase LLP as the Tax Administrator for the combined QSF in the above-referenced proceedings.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that, pursuant to the Omnibus Order, Miller Kaplan Arase LLP is appointed as the Tax Administrator for the combined QSF in the above-referenced proceedings.

For the Commission, by the Division of Enforcement, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>3</sup>

Vanessa A. Countryman  
Secretary

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<sup>3</sup> 17 C.F.R. § 200.30-4(a)(21)(ii).