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Form ADV, Part 2A; the “Disclosure Brochure” or “Brochure” provides information about the qualifications and business practices of Blackstone Management Partners L.L.C. (“BMP”) and its relying advisers.

If you have any questions about the contents of this Brochure, please contact us at (212-583-5000). The information in this Brochure has not been approved or verified by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) or by any state securities authority. BMP is registered with the SEC as an investment adviser. BMP’s registration as an investment adviser does not imply any level of skill or training.

Additional information about BMP and its relying advisers is also available at the SEC’s website [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov) (click on the link “Investment Adviser Search”, select “Investment Adviser Firm” and type in “Blackstone Management Partners”). The search results will provide you with both Parts 1 and 2A of our Form ADV.

## **Item 2 – Material Changes**

There has not been a material change to this Brochure since the last annual update on March 29, 2019 other than updated information regarding the conversion of BMP's indirect parent company from a limited partnership to a corporation effective July 1, 2019.

However, please carefully read Items 5, 8 and 10, which have expanded upon the description of certain fees and expenses, potential risk of loss and potential conflicts of interest, respectively.

BMP, at any time, may update this Brochure and either send you a copy or offer to send you a copy (either by electronic means (e-mail) or in hard copy form).

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## Item 4 – Advisory Business

Blackstone Management Partners L.L.C. (“BMP”) is a Delaware limited liability company. BMP provides investment advisory services to (i) Blackstone Capital Partners V L.P., BCP V-S L.P., Blackstone Capital Partners V-AC L.P. and any parallel or alternative investment vehicles relating to them (collectively, “BCP V”), (ii) Blackstone Capital Partners VI L.P. and any parallel or alternative investment vehicles relating to it (collectively, “BCP VI”), (iii) Blackstone Capital Partners VII L.P., Blackstone Capital Partners VII.2 L.P. and any parallel or alternative investment vehicles relating to them (collectively, “BCP VII”), and (iv) Blackstone Capital Partners Asia L.P. and any parallel or alternative investment vehicles relating to it (collectively, “BCP Asia” and together with BCP V, BCP VI and BCP VII, the “BCP Funds”). Each of the BCP Funds is an investment fund which specializes in leveraged buyouts and other principal investments. BMP also serves as investment adviser to Blackstone Energy Partners L.P. and any parallel or alternative investment vehicles relating to it (collectively, “BEP I”), Blackstone Energy Partners II L.P., Blackstone Energy Partners II.F L.P. and any parallel or alternative investment vehicles relating to them (collectively, “BEP II”), Blackstone Energy Partners III L.P. and any parallel or alternative investment vehicles relating to it (collectively, “BEP III” and together with BEP I and BEP II, the “BEP Funds”). Affiliates of BMP serve as the general partner (the “BMP General Partner”) of each of the BCP Funds and the BEP Funds. BMP has been in business since October 2005. BMP’s regulatory assets under management (“RAUM”) were \$58,640,674,628 as of December 31, 2018.

Blackstone Core Equity Advisors L.L.C. (“BCEA”), a relying adviser of BMP, is a Delaware limited liability company that was established in 2015. BCEA provides investment advisory services to Blackstone Core Equity Partners L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (“BCEP”) any parallel funds, managed accounts, arrangements or alternative investment vehicles relating to the foregoing and other investment vehicles having the same or similar investment objections as BCEP, including the parallel vehicles (the “BCEP Parallel Vehicles,” and collectively with BCEP, the “BCEP Funds”). Each of the BCEP Funds is an investment fund which may hold one or more principal investments. Affiliates of BCEA serve as the general partner (the “BCEP General Partner”) of each of the BCEP Funds. BCEA has been in business since March 2015. BCEA’s RAUM were \$5,341,162,290 as of December 31, 2018.

Blackstone Communications Advisors I L.L.C. (“BCOM”), a relying adviser of BMP, is a Delaware limited liability company. BCOM provides investment advisory services to Blackstone Communications Partners I L.P. and any parallel or alternative investment vehicles relating to it (collectively, the “BCOM Funds”), which are investment funds specializing in leveraged buyouts and other principal investments in communications related investments. An affiliate of BCOM serves as the general partner (the “BCOM General Partner”) of each of the BCOM Funds.

BCOM has been in business since July 2000. BCOM's RAUM were \$41,151,457 as of December 31, 2018.

Blackstone Clean Technology Advisors L.L.C. ("BCTA"), a relying adviser of BMP, is a Delaware limited liability company. BCTA provides investment advisory services to Blackstone Clean Technology Partners L.P. and any parallel or alternative investment vehicles relating to it (the "BCTA Funds," which are investment funds specializing in the cleantech energy sector). An affiliate of BCTA serves as the general partner (the "BCTA General Partner") of each of the BCTA Funds. BCTA has been in business since January 2009. BCTA's RAUM were \$14,436,890 as of December 31, 2018.

Blackstone Management Partners IV L.L.C. ("BMP IV"), a relying adviser of BMP, is a Delaware limited liability company. BMP IV provides investment advisory services to Blackstone Capital Partners IV L.P. and any parallel or alternative investment vehicles relating to it (collectively, the "BCP IV Funds") BCP IV is an investment fund which specializes in leveraged buyouts and other principal investments. An affiliate of BMP IV serves as the general partner (the "BCP IV General Partner") of each of the BCP IV Funds. BMP IV has been in business since September 2001. BMP IV's RAUM were \$785,424,054 as of December 31, 2018.

BMP, BCEA, BCOM, BCTA and BMP IV are collectively referred to herein as the "PE Advisers." The BCP General Partners, BCP Asia General Partner, BEP General Partner, BCEP General Partner, BCOM General Partner and BCP IV General Partner are collectively referred to herein as the "General Partners." The BCP Funds, the BEP Funds, the BCEP Funds, the BCOM Funds, the BCTA Funds and the BCP IV Funds are collectively referred to herein as the "Funds."

The ultimate parent of each PE Adviser is The Blackstone Group Inc., a publicly traded corporation listed on the New York Stock Exchange that trades under the ticker symbol "BX". Effective as of July 1, 2019, The Blackstone Group Inc. converted from a Delaware limited partnership named The Blackstone Group L.P. to a Delaware corporation. The Blackstone Group Inc. (together with its affiliates, "Blackstone") is a leading global alternative investment manager with investment vehicles focused on the private equity, real estate, hedge fund solutions, non-investment grade credit, secondary private equity funds of funds and multi-asset class strategies. Please see **Item 10 – Other Financial Industry Activities & Affiliations** for more information.

### **Description of Advisory Services:**

BMP serves as investment advisor to the BCP Funds and the BEP Funds pursuant to the terms of investment advisory agreements (the "Advisory Agreements") between BMP and each of the BCP Funds and the BEP Funds, and makes investment decisions for the BCP Funds and BEP Funds including by evaluating the BCP Funds' and BEP Funds' investments.

BCEA serves as investment advisor to the BCEP Funds pursuant to the terms of Advisory Agreements between BCEA and each of the BCEP Funds, and makes investment decisions for the BCEP Funds including by evaluating the BCEP Funds' investments.

BCOM serves as investment advisor to the BCOM Funds pursuant to the terms of Advisory Agreements between BCOM and each of the BCOM Funds, and makes investment decisions for the BCOM Funds including by evaluating the BCOM Funds' investments. The investment period for the BCOM Funds ended on June 29, 2006. The BCOM Funds' only new commitments of capital are to existing investments.

BCTA serves as investment advisor to the BCTA Funds, pursuant to the terms of Advisory Agreements between BCTA and each of the BCTA Funds, and makes investment decisions for the BCTA Funds including by evaluating the BCTA Funds' investments. The investment period for the BCTA Funds ended on April 18, 2011. The BCTA Funds' only new commitments of capital are to existing investments.

BMP IV serves as investment advisor to the BCP IV Funds, pursuant to the terms of Advisory Agreements between BMP IV L.L.C. and each of the BCP IV Funds, and makes investment decisions for the BCP IV Funds including by evaluating the BCP IV Funds' investments. The investment period for the BCP IV Funds ended on December 6, 2005. The BCP IV Funds' only new commitments of capital are to existing investments.

The individual needs of the investors in the Funds are not the basis of investment decisions by the PE Advisers. Investment advice is provided directly to the Funds by the relevant PE Adviser and not individually to the Funds' investors.

Through a series of delegation agreements, BMP also provides specific portfolio management services to certain private investment funds managed by an affiliated alternative investment fund manager for the purposes of the European Union Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive ("AIFMD").

## Item 5 – Fees and Compensation

### *Management Fees and Performance Fees*

As per the Advisory Agreements with each of the Funds, each PE Adviser is entitled to compensation for its services in the form of a management fee (the “Management Fee”), generally payable quarterly either in advance or in arrears. The Management Fee varies by investor and the size of their commitments and is based on either invested capital, remaining uninvested capital or committed capital. In certain cases, the Management Fee will be reduced for investments made by an investor in a Fund above a specified dollar amount. Prorated refunds would be provided for partial quarters, if any, to the extent applicable. For certain Funds, the PE Adviser may agree to waive management fees for a specified period of time following the Fund’s effective date with respect to Fund investors that have certain characteristics, such as if a Fund investor participates in an initial closing of a Fund or makes a commitment to a Fund above a certain threshold. As set forth in Item 6 below, the General Partners of the Funds are each eligible to receive performance-based or “carried interest” allocations. The Confidential Private Placement Memorandum (as supplemented from time to time) and the Partnership Agreement and Advisory Agreements (collectively, the “Organizational Documents”) of each Fund include further details on fees and compensation and related matters.

Management Fees and performance-based allocations are either withheld from distributions or, in the case of Management Fees, invoiced at an appropriate time pursuant to a capital call notice.

Certain investors in the Funds, including current and/or former senior advisors, employees, officers and retired partners of Blackstone, chief executive officers of Blackstone Portfolio Entities (as defined herein), investment funds advised by Blackstone Multi-Asset Advisors L.L.C. (“BTAS Funds”), employees of PJT Partners Inc. (“PJT”), BREP Funds, BREDS Funds, BIP Funds, GSO Funds, Strategic Partners, Life Sciences BIS Funds, BAAM Funds (including BSOF), BSCH, Blackstone Life Sciences Funds, BTO Funds, BXMT Funds (each as defined herein) and certain other investment funds, managed accounts and/or other similar arrangements otherwise advised, managed or operated by Blackstone (and including such future investment funds, managed accounts and/or other similar arrangements) and any successors thereto (collectively, “Other Blackstone Clients”) and/or charitable programs, endowment funds and related entities established by or associated with any of the foregoing (including any trusts, family members, family investment vehicles, estate planning vehicles, descendant, trusts and other related persons or entities) (“Blackstone Investors”), will not pay Management Fees and/or performance-based allocations in connection with their investment in the Funds or Blackstone-sponsored funds that make investments in or alongside one or more of the Funds. Notwithstanding the foregoing, such investors will either directly pay for their *pro rata* share of certain Fund expenses (as described below), or the pro rata amount of such expenses will be

allocated to the General Partners or their affiliates. In addition, to the extent current and/or former partners, employees, advisors and other persons referred to above, including their charitable programs, endowment funds and related entities established by or associated with any of the foregoing (including any trusts, family members, family investment vehicles, estate planning vehicles, descendants, trusts and other related persons or entities) and related entities, make capital commitments and/or otherwise invest in or alongside the Funds, any such amounts may, in each General Partners sole discretion, be treated as satisfying the applicable portion of any required capital commitment of such General Partner and/or its affiliates to the applicable Fund (even in circumstances where any such commitments or investments are made following a separation from Blackstone). For more information with respect to the allocation of Fund expenses, please see “Expenses” in Item 5 below. In addition, from time to time, Blackstone may enter into economic and/or fee sharing arrangements with respect to one or more Funds and/or certain limited partners thereof, which rights will not generally be made available to other limited partners.

#### *Blackstone Strategic Relationships*

In addition, Blackstone has entered, and it can be expected that Blackstone in the future will enter, into strategic relationships (“Strategic Relationships”) with investors that incorporate one or more investment strategies in addition to that of any particular Blackstone fund. A Strategic Relationship often involves an investor agreeing to make a capital commitment to multiple Blackstone funds, one or more of which may include a Fund. Investors will not receive a copy of any agreement memorializing a Strategic Relationship program (even if in the form of a side letter) and will be unable to elect any such rights or benefits afforded through a Strategic Relationship. Specific examples of such additional rights and benefits include, among others, specialized reporting, discounts on and/or reimbursement of management fees and/or carried interest or preferential or favorable rights applied to some or all of the relevant investment program and/or investment vehicles (including, as applicable, any of the Funds), secondment of personnel from the investor to Blackstone (or vice versa), as well as priority rights or targeted amounts for co-investments alongside Blackstone funds (including, without limitation, preferential allocation of co-investment, and preferential terms and conditions related to co-investment or other participation in Blackstone vehicles (including any carried interest and/or management fees to be charged with respect thereto)). The co-investment that is part of a Strategic Relationship may include co-investment in investments made by a Fund. Strategic Relationships may therefore result in fewer co-investment opportunities (or reduced allocations) being made available to other investors in the Funds.

#### *Other Fees Payable to the PE Advisers and their Affiliates*

In addition, pursuant to the Advisory Agreements with certain BCP Funds and BEP Funds, BMP may charge investors with capital commitments below a certain threshold a servicing fee (the “Servicing Fee”), subject to the right of the applicable General Partner, in its sole discretion, to reduce or waive such fee. The Servicing Fee is generally equal to a percentage based on capital

commitments (and based on invested capital after the end of the investment period) and payable quarterly in arrears.

In addition to the Management Fee, Servicing Fee and performance-based allocations (see Item 6 below), each PE Adviser and its affiliates may also receive a variety of other fees as part of the investment activities of the Funds, including, without limitation, syndication and financial advisory fees (including underwriting fees), monitoring fees, organization and financing fees and similar fees for arranging acquisitions and other major financial restructurings, commitment, transaction, break-up and topping fees, operational fees, divestment fees and directors' fees, fees for services related to group purchasing, healthcare consulting/brokerage, investment banking, capital markets, credit origination, loan servicing and/or other types of insurance, management consulting and other similar operational and finance matters, and/or other fees and annual retainers from (or, with respect to) the Funds' Portfolio Entities. The Management Fee paid by Fund investors may be offset by a specified percentage (ranging from 50% to 100% depending on the type of fee and the Fund) of the net break-up, topping, commitment (including fees received in respect of guarantees as contemplated by the applicable partnership agreement), monitoring, transaction, directors' and organizational fees received by the PE Adviser and its affiliates net of reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the PE Adviser and its affiliates.

The Management Fee offset provisions for the Funds vary based on the terms of the Funds' respective Organizational Documents, but generally 100% of each Fund's *pro rata* share of certain specified fees set forth in the Organizational Documents (net of reasonable out of pocket expenses incurred by the PE Advisers) will be applied to reduce Management Fees (not below zero). Any other fees received by a PE Adviser would not offset the Management Fee or performance-based allocations except as specifically provided in the relevant Fund's Organizational Documents. Any such fees that result in an offset to the Management Fee only apply to the extent it is made as part of the Funds' investments in such Portfolio Entities. As a result, in the case of directors' fees, the Management Fee will not be reduced or offset to the extent any Blackstone employees or professionals receive directors' fees relating to continued director service after the Funds have exited the Portfolio Entities and/or following the termination of such employee's employment with Blackstone.

Certain of the Funds bear the cost of fund administration services provided by Blackstone employees (including the allocation of their compensation) and/or internal costs attributable to Blackstone's Portfolio Operations Group (which works with Portfolio Entity management to help Portfolio Entities become more productive, efficient and valuable), and except in certain limited circumstances or with respect to certain Funds, such amounts will not offset management fees. Fund investors should carefully consult the applicable Fund's offering documents and Organizational Documents to determine the fees, if any, that can be offset and the management fee offset percentage, if any, applicable to the Funds in which they are invested (See "Other Fees Received by the PE Advisers and their Affiliates" in Item 10 below). In addition, each PE Adviser may also engage and retain on behalf of its Funds and/or their

Portfolio Entities strategic advisors, consultants, senior advisors, industry experts, executive advisors and other similar professionals who are not employees or affiliates of that PE Adviser and who may, from time to time, receive payments from, or allocations with respect to, Portfolio Entities or the Funds, and such amounts will not offset the Management Fee paid by the Funds (See “Advisors, Consultants and Partners” in Item 10 below).

The precise amount of, and the manner and calculation of, the fees and compensation described above, including the Management Fee, Servicing Fee and performance-based compensation, are established by the PE Adviser through negotiations with investors in each Fund, and the offering documents, the Organizational Documents and the Advisory Agreement of each Fund include further details on such fees, compensation and related matters.

### *Expenses*

The following is a list of expenses that are typically borne by the Funds (and indirectly by the limited partners of the Funds). This list is not intended to be exhaustive; prospective and existing investors in the Funds are advised to review the applicable Fund offering materials and Organizational Documents for a more extensive description of the expenses associated with an investment in the Funds. Subject to the limitations set forth in the Organizational Documents, costs, expenses and charges specifically attributed or allocated by each PE Adviser and its affiliates to the Funds may exceed what would be paid to an unaffiliated third party for substantially similar services.

- Legal fees (including costs for in-house transactional legal advice and/or services allocated by the Adviser to the Funds or their portfolio entities on matters related to potential or actual investments or transactions and other legal matters of the Funds).
- Placement fees.
- Regulatory filing fees of the Funds, including but not limited to compliance with U.S. federal and state securities laws and international laws, such as the AIFMD.
- Expenses related to the relevant PE Adviser’s compliance matters and regulatory filings to the extent they relate to its Funds’ activities (*e.g.*, Form PF, U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“CFTC”) filings, AIFMD filings (including any costs associated with the AIFMD marketing passport)) and any related regulations, including costs and expenses of collecting and calculating data and preparation of regular reports to be filed with EEA member states.
- Administrative fees, expenses and/or charges (See “Other Fees Received by the PE Advisers and their Affiliates” in Item 10 below).
- Organizational expenses associated with operating the Funds.
- Operating expenses.

- Consultant and senior advisor expenses (See “Advisors, Consultants and Partners” in Item 10 below).
- Technology expenses (which may include internally allocated charges for certain Funds).
- Accounting fees.
- Taxes, tax-related interest and expenses related to the preparation and delivery of any entity-level taxes.
- Tax advisor fees including all expenses in connection with any tax audit, examination or investigation.
- Audit fees.
- Brokerage commissions.
- Transaction fees.
- Fees and expenses associated with borrowing, guarantees and other financing, including interest charges.
- Expenses of loan servicers and other service providers (including, for the avoidance of doubt, the costs and charges allocable with respect to the provision of fund administration or other services and professionals related thereto (including secondees and temporary personnel or consultants) as deemed appropriate by the General Partner).
- Expenses associated with the development, negotiation, acquisition, holding, monitoring and disposition of investments.
- Fees, costs and expenses related to the organization or maintenance of any intermediate entity used to acquire, hold or dispose of any one or more investments or otherwise facilitating a Fund’s investment activities.
- Custodial fees.
- Depository fees.
- Research-related expenses, including news and quotation equipment and services and data collection and including costs allocated by Blackstone’s internal research and third party groups (which are generally based on time spent), internal and third-party printing (including a flat service fee) and publishing (including time spent performing such internal printing and publishing services).
- Broken-deal expenses (See “Other Fees Received by the PE Advisers and their Affiliates” in Item 10 below).

- Expenses associated with the preparation, printing and delivery of the Funds' periodic reports and related financial and other statements and investor notices and communications (including preparation and delivery of tax returns, K-1s and other communications or notices relating to the Funds).
- Expenses of the L.P. Advisory Committees or any Independent Client Representative (if any) (as defined herein).
- Expenses of investor meetings.
- Expenses associated with a Fund's compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- Expenses of litigation involving the Funds or entities in which the Funds have investments and the amount of any judgments, fines, remediation or settlements paid in connection therewith.
- Expenses incurred in connection with complying with provisions in investor side letter agreements, including "most favored nations" provisions.
- In-house fund administration costs and related overhead (See "Other Fees Received by the PE Advisers and their Affiliates" in Item 10 below).
- Travel and entertainment expenses in connection with the Funds' fundraising and investment activities (including first class and/or business class airfare (and/or private charter, where appropriate), first class lodging, ground transportation, travel and premium meals (including closing dinners and mementos, cars and meals (outside normal business hours), social and entertainment events with Portfolio Entity management, customers, clients, borrowers, brokers and service providers)). Travel and entertainment expenses in connection with a trip taken by employees of a PE Adviser and/or a General Partner for purposes of multiple matters will generally be allocated to each such matter based on the time spent for each matter and then the resulting expenses will be allocated among the Funds, Other Blackstone Clients and/or the PE Adviser as otherwise set forth herein.
- Expenses associated with the acquisition, settling, holding, monitoring, and disposition of investments (including without limitation, any brokerage, custody, or hedging costs and travel and related expenses in connection with the Funds' investment activities).
- Insurance (including cost of title insurance).
- Indemnification expenses (including advancement of any fees, costs or expenses to persons entitled to such indemnification).
- Expenses of liquidating the Funds.

- Marketing, advertising, printing, wholesaling and other capital raising expenses associated with investor admission/subscription and investor-related services and other similar costs.
- Arbitration expenses.
- Valuation costs.
- Expenses of third party advisory committees of the Funds as well as of other goods and services provided by third parties and other third party professionals.

Certain Blackstone personnel may be seconded to one or more Portfolio Entities and provide finance, accounting, operational support and other similar services with respect to such Portfolio Entities and the compensation for such personnel during the secondment will be borne by the Portfolio Entities. To the extent Blackstone receives any fees or expense reimbursement from the Portfolio Entities with respect to such personnel, they will not result in any offset to the management fee payable by the relevant Funds. In addition, personnel of Portfolio Entities, vendors, service providers (including law firms and accounting firms) and limited partners of the Funds and Other Blackstone Clients may be seconded, or serve internships at, Blackstone and Portfolio Entities of the Funds. While the Funds, Other Blackstone Clients and their Portfolio Entities are often the beneficiaries of these types of arrangements, Blackstone is from time to time a beneficiary of these arrangements as well, including in circumstances where the vendor or service provider also provides services to the Funds in the ordinary course. Blackstone or the Portfolio Entity may or may not pay salary or cover expenses associated with such secondees and interns, and if a portfolio entity pays the cost it will be borne directly or indirectly by the Funds. The management fee will not be offset or reduced as a result of these secondments or internships or any fees, expense reimbursements or other costs related thereto. The personnel described above may provide services in respect of multiple matters, including in respect of matters related to Blackstone, its affiliates and related parties, and any costs of such personnel may be allocated accordingly.

Investors in a Fund are allocated their *pro rata* share of such additional fees and expenses and the Funds generally bear their share of fees and expenses as part of their participation in investments. Pursuant to the Organizational Documents of certain Funds, all expenses (including organizational, legal, reporting and compliance-related expenses and other expenses described in Item 5 above) are generally allocated between such Funds and their parallel funds (including any parallel funds formed in Luxembourg and any related AIFMD and other marketing and compliance-related expenses on a pro rata basis. This will result in the Funds bearing a portion of certain expenses attributable to the parallel funds (including, but not limited to, those expenses for AIFMD) that are not directly connected to the Funds and their activities, and the parallel funds bearing certain expenses of the Funds' expenses that are not directly connected to such Funds and their parallel funds and their activities on a pro rata basis.

From time to time, the General Partners will be required to decide whether costs and expenses are to be borne by a Fund, on the one hand, or the relevant General Partner and PE Adviser, on

the other, and/or whether certain costs and expenses should be allocated between or among the Funds, on the one hand, and other Funds or Other Blackstone Clients (as defined below), on the other. Certain expenses may be suitable for only a particular Fund (or where applicable, a parallel fund) participating in specific investments and may be allocated to and borne only by such Fund, or, as is more often the case, expenses may be allocated *pro rata* among the Fund and all parallel funds participating in the relevant investment(s) even if the expenses relate only to particular vehicle(s) and/or investor(s) therein (or some or all Funds in the case of expenses applicable to such Funds generally). With respect to broken deal expenses, the Funds and Blackstone's side-by-side co-investment vehicles (as applicable) will generally be required to bear their pro rata portion of broken deal expenses in accordance with the amount they were expected to invest in the unconsummated deal. Certain co-investment vehicles however, or certain potential co-investors who might have invested in a transaction had it been consummated will not be allocated any share of such break-up or topping fees or broken deal expenses, such as potential investors in co-investment structures relating to a specific investment where the legally binding agreements relating to such co-investment are not executed until the time of deal closing, unless the applicable General Partner determines otherwise in its discretion or as may be set forth in the relevant operative agreements. Each General Partner will make such judgments in a manner that it determines to be fair and reasonable in good faith, notwithstanding its interest in the outcome, and may make corrective allocations should it determine that such corrections are necessary or advisable. However, such determination is inherently subjective and may give rise to conflicts of interest in light of the inherent biases in the process. There can be no assurance that a different manner of allocation would not result in a Fund bearing less (or more) expenses.

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

In addition to the Management Fees and other fees described in Item 5 that are received by the PE Advisers or their affiliates, the General Partner of each Fund receives a portion of the profits of disposition proceeds from each Fund with respect to each limited partner (other than those that are affiliates of the PE Adviser), which is equal to twenty percent (or in respect of the BCEP Funds, ten percent) of the amounts otherwise distributable to such limited partner with respect to any particular investment (as set forth in the applicable Fund's Organizational Documents). Such allocation of profits is only allocated to the General Partner when specific conditions are met, including, in the case of distributions of disposition proceeds, the return to each of the limited partners of an aggregate amount equal to all capital contributed to the applicable Fund by such limited partner for realized investments and any writedowns (or net writedowns in certain cases) on unrealized investments, fees and expenses allocable to such investments and the receipt of a preferred return on such amounts.

The Funds generally distribute current income from an investment in the manner described above relating to distributions of disposition proceeds except that distributions of current income are made on an investment by investment basis and do not take account of a return of capital and any writedowns, but will take into account actual unrecouped losses from prior dispositions and, in certain circumstances, certain allocated fees and expenses.

The fact that a PE Adviser's affiliates are in part compensated based on the performance of the Funds may create a greater incentive for that a General Partner to make more speculative investments on behalf of a Fund or time the purchase or sale of investments in a manner motivated by the personal interest of Blackstone personnel than if such performance-based compensation did not exist. However, the significant commitment by Blackstone to invest in the Funds and the General Partner clawback and related guarantee, where applicable, should reduce the incentives to make more speculative investments or otherwise time the sale of investments based on considerations related to carried interest. The General Partner clawback, where applicable, potentially creates other misalignments of interests between a General Partner and limited partners, such as an incentive for such General Partner to defer disposition of an investment that would result in a realized loss and trigger the clawback, or delay the dissolution and liquidation of a Fund if doing so would trigger a clawback obligation.

As described in Item 5, Blackstone Investors are not subject to Management Fees or carried interest allocations.

## Item 7 – Types of Clients

The PE Advisers manage the Funds. The Funds' investors may consist of some or all of the following:

- Banks and other financial institutions
- Insurance companies
- Investment companies
- Public and private retirement and pension plans
- Public and private profit sharing plans
- Trusts and estates
- Charitable organizations and foundations, including endowment funds thereof
- State and municipal government agencies
- Sovereign wealth funds
- Private investment funds
- Corporations
- Business entities other than those listed above
- High net worth individuals
- Family offices

Investors also include other funds, vehicles and/or accounts managed by affiliates of Blackstone (including investors in Funds established for the Blackstone Total Alternatives Solution Program, Blackstone Harrington Partners L.P, Fidelity & Guaranty Life and Strategic Partners funds). All investors are subject to applicable suitability requirements. Each PE Adviser and General Partner require that each investor in the Funds be (i) an “accredited investor” as defined in Regulation D under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), and (ii) a “qualified purchaser” as defined in Section 2(a)(51) of the U.S. Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, and meet other suitability requirements (including, in some circumstances, a person that is not a U.S. Person as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act). Generally, investors must invest a minimum dollar amount as determined in the applicable General Partner’s sole discretion. Each General Partner reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to waive the minimum dollar amount.

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

### Investment Strategies:

The PE Advisers offer advice to the Funds generally to invest in equity and equity-related securities (including (i) preferred stock, debt and other securities relating to common equity investments and (ii) preferred stock, debt and other securities that are expected to produce equity-like returns) in conjunction with privately negotiated transactions. These investments are generally made in connection with acquisitions, dispositions, restructurings, workouts, management acquisitions and other similar situations and utilize some degree of leverage.

The PE Advisers' investment analysis methods include fundamental, technical and cyclical research. Each PE Adviser's investment team is responsible for evaluating securities (and other products) for investment. The PE Advisers' investment professionals also review all portfolios for adherence to the investment objectives of each portfolio and the Fund's stated investment strategies.

Each PE Adviser's personnel generally meet each Monday to discuss potential and pending transactions. At that meeting such transactions are discussed (unless there are no new developments or activities to report). If a PE Adviser's consideration of a transaction has advanced beyond the preliminary evaluation stage, a brief memorandum to a review committee (the "Review Committee") is prepared and the transaction is discussed at the regular weekly meetings of the Review Committee. If at such meeting the Review Committee authorizes the transaction team to continue to pursue the transaction, the transaction team will conduct further work. If the transaction reaches the stage where the transaction team proposes to make a definitive bid to acquire or invest in the target company or business (usually this is the "second round" of bidding, following an initial round in which preliminary, non-binding indications of interest are submitted by interested bidders), it will prepare a detailed memorandum on the transaction for the investment committee ("Investment Committee" and convene a meeting of the Investment Committee to discuss the transaction in depth with the transaction team and decide whether to authorize such a definitive bid and what the bid should be. In addition to an in-depth discussion of the target company or business and the investment thesis, deal tactics and potential exit strategies will usually be discussed by the Investment Committee and the transaction team. The Investment Committee will often conduct multiple meetings on a particular deal. Both the Review Committee and Investment Committee processes involve a consensus approach to decision making.

Because the investment period for the BCOM Funds, the BCTA Funds and BCP IV ended on June 29, 2006, April 18, 2011 and December 6, 2005, respectively, BCOM, BCTA and BMP IV personnel meet as necessary to discuss the investment activities of their respective Funds.

**Risk of Loss:**

An investment in the Funds entails a significant degree of risk and therefore should be undertaken only by investors capable of evaluating the risks of the Funds and bearing the risks such investments represent. Set forth below is a non-exhaustive list of such risks:

1. No assurance of investment return
2. Limited operating history
3. Reliance on the Sponsor
4. Role of private equity professionals
5. Highly competitive market for investment opportunities; operators and other partners
6. General economic and market conditions
7. Financial market fluctuations; availability of financing
8. Inflation
9. Investment outside the United States generally
10. Economic, political and social risks
11. Regional risk; independence of markets
12. Trade policy
13. Terrorist activities
14. Natural disasters
15. Corruption risk; FCPA
16. Privatization
17. Foreign investments controls
18. Foreign capital controls
19. Legal framework and corporate governance
20. Accounting, disclosure and regulatory standards
21. Investments in emerging markets and the Asia Pacific region
22. Potential collapse of the Euro

23. United Kingdom exit from the European Union
24. Chinese growth slowdown; Chinese economy
25. Investments in open market purchases; publicly traded securities
26. Nature of debt securities
27. Convertible securities
28. Illiquid and long-term investments
29. Non-controlling investments; investments with third parties
30. Investment in restructuring
31. Investment in less established companies
32. Investments in regulated industries
33. Future investment techniques and instruments
34. Technological innovations
35. Environmental matters
36. Government action risk
37. Force majeure risk
38. Availability of insurance against certain catastrophic losses
39. Volatility of commodity prices
40. Catastrophe risk
41. Energy and natural resources regulatory risk
42. Risks related to hydraulic fracturing
43. Regulatory approvals
44. Additional capital requirements
45. Adequacy of reserves
46. Deployment of capital
47. Distributions in-kind
48. Failure to make payments

49. Risks relating to due diligence of investments
50. Political activities
51. Reliance on portfolio entity management and third parties
52. Risks in effecting operating improvements
53. Expedited transactions
54. Portfolio entity liabilities
55. Risks from operations of other portfolio entities
56. Volatility of credit markets may affect ability to finance and consummate investments
57. Bridge financings
58. Leverage; subscription line of credit
59. Foreign currency and exchange rate risks
60. Hedging risks/derivatives
61. Risk of limited number of investments; lack of diversification
62. Liabilities on disposition of investments
63. Documentation and legal risks
64. Legal, tax and regulatory risks
65. OFAC and sanctions considerations
66. Absence of oversight under the Investment Company Act
67. Derivatives; Registration under the U.S. Commodity Exchange Act
68. Pay-to-Play laws, regulations and policies
69. Financial industry regulation
70. Change of law risk
71. FATCA
72. Possible legislative or other developments
73. Proposed legislation adversely affecting Blackstone employees and other service providers
74. Limitations on deductions of business interest

- 75. Partnership audit legislation
- 76. Phantom income
- 77. Taxation in certain jurisdictions
- 78. UBTI & ECI; tax treatment of non-U.S. feeder vehicles and corporations
- 79. Provision of managerial assistance
- 80. ERISA considerations
- 81. Risk arising from potential control group liability
- 82. Cyber security breaches
- 83. Operational risk
- 84. No market for limited partnership interests; restrictions on transfers
- 85. Dilution from Subsequent closings
- 86. Recycling, reinvestments
- 87. Possible exclusion
- 88. Amendments
- 89. Sponsor voting
- 90. Annual informational meetings
- 91. Handling of mail
- 92. Valuation matters
- 93. Uncertainty of projections

**Investors are advised to review the applicable Fund's Offering Materials for a more extensive description of the risks of investing in such Fund.**

Stock markets and bond markets fluctuate substantially over time and performance of any investment is not guaranteed. As a result, there is a risk of loss of value in the assets which a PE Adviser manages that is not in the PE Adviser's control. The PE Advisers cannot guarantee any level of performance or that investors in the Funds will not experience a substantial or complete investment loss. There is no assurance that the Funds will be able to generate returns or that the returns will be commensurate with the risks inherent in their investment strategies. The marketability and value of any such investment will depend upon many factors beyond the control of the PE Adviser. The expenses of the Funds may exceed their income, and

an investor in a Fund could lose the entire amount of its contributed capital. Therefore, an investor should only invest in a Fund if the investor can withstand a total loss of its investment. The past investment performance of the Funds cannot be taken to guarantee future results of the Funds or any investment in the Funds.

## Item 9 – Disciplinary Information

Except as described below, none of the PE Advisers has any legal, financial or other “disciplinary” event to report. As a registered investment adviser, each PE Adviser is obligated to disclose any legal disciplinary event that would be material to a client when evaluating the adviser’s advisory business or integrity of its management.

On October 7, 2015, without admitting or denying any wrongdoing, BMP (for purposes of this paragraph, such term shall include certain of its private equity fund adviser affiliates) consented to the entry of an order to cease and desist from committing or causing any violations and future violations of Sections 206(2) and 206(4) of the Advisers Act (as defined herein) and Rules 206(4)-7 and 206(4)-8 thereunder. According to the SEC order, with respect to certain legacy private equity funds, BMP did not provide sufficient pre-commitment disclosure regarding the possibility of accelerating otherwise authorized fees upon termination of monitoring fee agreements with its Portfolio Entities. The order also found that BMP did not adequately disclose that certain legal fee discounts it received, prior to 2011, were greater than discounts received by its funds. In addition, the order found that BMP did not adopt and implement a written compliance policy or procedure regarding the foregoing. BMP agreed as part of the settlement to pay disgorgement of \$26,225,203 (plus prejudgment interest of \$2,686,553) to limited partners of its funds and a civil monetary penalty of \$10,000,000 to the SEC.

On occasion, in the ordinary course of its business, Blackstone is named as a defendant in a legal action. Although there can be no assurance of the outcome of such legal actions, the PE Advisers do not believe that any current legal proceeding or claim to which Blackstone is a party would individually or in the aggregate materially affect any of the PE Advisers and/or the Funds’ results of operations, financial position or cash flows. Certain regulatory, litigation and other similar matters are disclosed in (i) Blackstone’s public filings (including, without limitation, its current, periodic and annual reports on Forms 8-K, 10-Q and 10-K), which may be accessed through the web site of the SEC ([www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov)) or Blackstone (<http://ir.blackstone.com/investors/annual-reports-and-sec-filings/default.aspx>), and (ii) materials made available through Blackstone’s BXAcess online portal, which is accessible to each Fund’s limited partners with respect to such Fund.

## Item 10 – Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations

### **Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations**

Blackstone has conflicts of interest, or conflicting loyalties, as a result of the numerous activities and relationships of Blackstone, the PE Advisers, the Funds, the Other Blackstone Clients, the Portfolio Entities of the Funds and Other Blackstone Clients and affiliates, partners, members, shareholders, officers, directors and employees of the foregoing, some of which are described herein. However, not all potential, apparent and actual conflicts of interest are included below, and additional conflicts of interest could arise as a result of new activities, transactions or relationships commenced in the future. In addition, certain terms described herein may only be applicable to certain of the Funds but not others. Fund investors should review this section and the applicable Fund's Organizational Documents carefully for additional risks and conflicts disclosure before making an investment decision.

Any references to Blackstone and/or the PE Advisers in this section will be deemed to include their respective affiliates (including the General Partners), partners, members, shareholders, officers, directors and employees. References herein to "Portfolio Entity" describes, individually and collectively, any entity owned, directly or indirectly through subsidiaries, by the Funds or Other Blackstone Clients, including, as the context requires, portfolio companies, holding companies, special purpose vehicles and other entities through which Investments are held.

If any matter arises that a PE Adviser determines in its good faith judgment constitutes an actual and material conflict of interest, such PE Adviser will take the actions it determines appropriate to mitigate the conflict, which will be deemed to fully satisfy any fiduciary duties it may have to the Funds or the Fund investors. Thereafter, the PE Adviser will be relieved of any liability related to the conflict to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Actions that could be taken by the PE Advisers or their affiliates to mitigate a conflict include, by way of example and without limitation, (i) if applicable, handling the conflict as described in the Organizational Documents; (ii) presenting a material conflict of interest to the L.P. Advisory Committee, Independent Client Representative (if any) and/or the limited partners of the Funds and as expressly provided for in the Organizational Documents; (iii) disposing of the investment or security giving rise to the conflict of interest; (iv) appointing an independent representative (an "Independent Client Representative") to act or provide consent with respect to the matter giving rise to the conflict of interest; (v) in connection with a matter giving rise to a conflict of interest with respect to an investment, consulting with the L.P. Advisory Committee, Independent Client Representative (if any) and/or the limited partners of the Funds or Independent Client Representatives (if any) regarding the conflict of interest and either obtaining a waiver or consent from the L.P. Advisory Committee, Independent Client Representative (if any) and/or the limited partners or such Independent Client Representative of the conflict of interest or acting in a manner, or pursuant to standards or procedures, approved by the L.P. Advisory Committee, Independent Client Representative (if any) and/or

the limited partners or such Independent Client Representative with respect to such conflict of interest; (vi) disclosing the conflict to the limited partners (including, without limitation, in drawdown notices, distribution notices, quarterly letters or other communications); (vii) in the case of conflicts among clients, creating groups of personnel within Blackstone separated by information barriers (which may be temporary and limited purpose in nature), each of which would advise or represent one of the clients that has a conflicting position with other clients; (viii) implementing policies and procedures reasonably designed to mitigate the conflict of interest; or (ix) otherwise handling the conflict as determined appropriate by the PE Advisers in their good faith reasonable discretion. There can be no assurance that the PE Advisers will identify or resolve all conflicts of interest in a manner that is favorable to the Funds.

For purposes of this Brochure, (a) “BTO Funds” shall be deemed to include any account, client, fund, vehicle or any other similar arrangement managed by Blackstone Tactical Opportunities Advisors L.L.C.; (b) “BREP Funds” shall be deemed to include any account, client, fund, vehicle or any other similar arrangement managed by Blackstone Real Estate Advisors L.P.; (c) “BREDS Funds” shall be deemed to include any account, client, fund, vehicle or any other similar arrangement managed by Blackstone Real Estate Special Situations Advisors L.L.C.; (d) “BTAS Funds” shall be deemed to include any account, client, fund, vehicle or any other similar arrangement managed by Blackstone Multi-Asset Advisors L.L.C.; (e) “BAAM Funds” shall be deemed to include any account, client, fund, vehicle or any other similar arrangement managed by Blackstone Alternative Asset Management LP; (f) “BIP Funds” shall be deemed to include any account, client, fund, vehicle or any other similar arrangement managed by Blackstone Infrastructure Advisors L.L.C.; (g) “BIS Funds” shall be deemed to include any account, client, fund, vehicle or any other similar arrangement managed by Blackstone ISG-II Advisors L.L.C.; (h) “GSO Funds” shall be deemed to include any account, client, fund, vehicle or any other similar arrangement managed by GSO Capital Partners LP; (i) “Strategic Partners” shall mean Strategic Partners Fund Solutions Advisors L.P.; (j) “Life Sciences” shall mean Blackstone Life Sciences Advisors L.L.C.; (k) “Clarus” shall mean Clarus Ventures, LLC; (l) “BSOF” shall mean Blackstone Strategic Opportunities Fund; (m) “BXMT Funds” shall mean accounts, clients, funds, vehicles or any other similar arrangements managed by BXMT Advisors L.L.C. and (n) “BSCH” shall mean Blackstone Strategic Capital Holdings and its related vehicles/entities and successor funds.

***Performance-Based Compensation.*** A General Partner’s carried interest creates a greater incentive for such General Partner to make more speculative investments on behalf of a Fund or time the purchase or sale of investments in a manner motivated by the personal interest of Blackstone personnel than if such performance-based compensation did not exist, as the General Partner receives a disproportionate share of profits above the preferred return hurdle. However, the significant commitment by Blackstone to invest in the Funds (which commitment, for the avoidance of doubt, may not be allocated *pro rata* among the Funds) and the General Partner clawback and related guarantee should reduce the incentives for a General Partner to make more speculative investments or otherwise time the purchase or sale of investments based on considerations related to carried interest. The General Partner clawback potentially creates other misalignments of interests between the General Partners and Fund investors,

such as an incentive for the General Partners to defer disposition of an investment that would result in a realized loss or a return on investment that was less than the preferred return and trigger the clawback, or delay the dissolution and liquidation of a Fund if doing so would trigger a clawback obligation. In addition, recently enacted tax reform legislation provides for a lower capital gains tax rate on performance-based compensation from investments held for at least three years, which may incentivize a General Partner to cause a Fund to accelerate deployment of capital at the beginning of such Fund's investment period, hold investments longer to ensure long-term capital gains treatment or dispose of investments prior to any change in law that would result in a higher effective income tax rate on carried interest. Furthermore, upon a withdrawal by a Fund investor from a Fund in certain circumstances and upon the liquidation of a Fund, the General Partner of such Fund may receive carried interest distributions with respect to a distribution in-kind of non-marketable securities. The amount of carried interest will be dependent on the valuation of the non-marketable securities distributed, which will be determined by a General Partner and could incentivize such General Partner to value the securities higher than if there were no carried interest. A General Partner can engage a third party to determine the value of securities distributed in-kind or non-marketable securities and rely upon the third party opinion of value, but there can be no assurance such an opinion will reflect value accurately. Moreover, under the terms of the Organizational Documents, a General Partner is entitled to elect to receive its carried interest in the form of an in-kind distribution of marketable securities, including if the purpose of such election is to permit Blackstone personnel to donate such securities to charity (which may include private foundations, funds or other charities associated with any such personnel). The tax benefit derived from charitable giving has the effect of reinforcing and enhancing the incentives otherwise resulting from the existence of the General Partner's carried interest described above.

***Allocation of Personnel.*** Each PE Adviser will devote such time to the relevant Funds as it determines to be necessary to conduct its business affairs in an appropriate manner. However, Blackstone personnel, including members of the Investment Committee, will work on other projects, serve on other committees and source potential investments for and otherwise assist the investment programs of Other Blackstone Clients and their Portfolio Entities, including other investment programs to be developed in the future. Even key Blackstone personnel who devote substantially all of their time to investment programs within the Blackstone Private Equity group may not be devoting time predominantly, or solely, to a Fund, as the Private Equity group includes BTO (as defined below, which includes the growth equity investment strategy) and such personnel might also be shared with the infrastructure group and BXLS (as defined below). Time spent on these other initiatives diverts attention from the activities of the Funds, which could negatively impact the Funds and their investors. Furthermore, Blackstone and Blackstone personnel derive financial benefit from these other activities, including fees and performance-based compensation. Blackstone personnel outside the Blackstone Private Equity group share in the fees and performance-based compensation from the Funds; similarly, the Blackstone Private Equity group personnel share in the fees and performance-based compensation generated by Other Blackstone Clients. These and other factors create conflicts

of interest in the allocation of time by Blackstone personnel. A General Partner's determination of the amount of time necessary to conduct a Fund's activities will be conclusive, and a Fund's investors rely on such General Partner's judgment in this regard.

***Outside Activities of Principals and Other Personnel and their Related Parties.*** Certain personnel of Blackstone may be subject to a variety of conflicts of interest relating to their responsibilities to the Funds, Other Blackstone Clients and their respective Portfolio Entities, and their outside business activities as members of investment or advisory committees or boards of directors of or advisors to investment funds, corporations, foundations or other organizations. Such positions create a conflict if such other entities have interests that are adverse to those of the Funds, including if such other entities compete with the Funds for investment opportunities or other resources. The Blackstone personnel in question may have a greater financial interest in the performance of the other entities than the performance of the Funds. This involvement may create conflicts of interest in making investments on behalf of the Funds and such other funds, accounts and other entities. Although the PE Advisers will generally seek to minimize the impact of any such conflicts, there can be no assurance they will be resolved favorably for the Funds. Also, Blackstone personnel are generally permitted to invest in alternative investment funds, private equity funds, real estate funds, hedge funds and other investment vehicles, as well as securities of other companies, some of which will be competitors of the Funds. Fund investors will not receive any benefit from any such investments, and the financial incentives of Blackstone personnel in such other investments could be greater than their financial incentives in relation to the Funds.

Additionally, certain personnel and other professionals of Blackstone have family members or relatives that are actively involved in industries and sectors in which the Funds invest or have business, personal, financial or other relationships with companies in such industries and sectors (including the advisors and service providers described above) or other industries, which gives rise to potential or actual conflicts of interest. For example, such family members or relatives might be officers, directors, personnel or owners of companies or assets which are actual or potential investments of the Funds or other counterparties of the Funds and their Portfolio Entities and/or assets. Moreover, in certain instances, the Funds or their Portfolio Entities may purchase or sell companies or assets from or to, or otherwise transact with, companies that are owned by such family members or relatives or in respect of which such family members or relatives have other involvement. In most such circumstances, the Organizational Documents will not preclude the Funds from undertaking any of these investment activities or transactions. To the extent Blackstone determines appropriate, conflict mitigation strategies may be put in place with respect to a particular circumstance, such as internal information barriers or recusal, disclosure or other steps determined appropriate by the applicable General Partner. The Fund investors rely on the applicable General Partner to manage these conflicts in its sole discretion.

***Secondments and Internships.*** Certain personnel of Blackstone and its affiliates, including Consultants (as defined herein), may be seconded to one or more Portfolio Entities, service providers and vendors or limited partners of the Funds and Other Blackstone Clients to provide

finance, accounting, operational support and other similar services, including the sourcing of investments for the Funds or other parties with respect to such Portfolio Entities. The salaries, benefits, overhead and other similar expenses for such personnel during the secondment could be borne (in whole or in part) by Blackstone and its affiliates or the organization for which the personnel are working or both. In addition, personnel of Portfolio Entities, vendors, service providers (including law firms and accounting firms) and limited partners of the Funds and Other Blackstone Clients may be seconded, or serve internships at, Blackstone and Portfolio Entities of the Funds. While the Funds, Other Blackstone Clients and their Portfolio Entities are often the beneficiaries of these types of arrangements, Blackstone is from time to time a beneficiary of these arrangements as well, including in circumstances where the vendor or service provider also provides services to the Funds in the ordinary course. Blackstone or the Portfolio Entity may or may not pay salary or cover expenses associated with such secondees and interns, and if a Portfolio Entity pays the cost it will be borne directly or indirectly by the Funds. The management fee will not be offset or reduced as a result of these secondments or internships or any fees, expense reimbursements or other costs related thereto. The personnel described above may provide services in respect of multiple matters, including in respect of matters related to Blackstone, its affiliates and related parties, and any costs of such personnel may be allocated accordingly.

***Other Benefits.*** The PE Advisers and their respective personnel and related parties will receive intangible and other benefits, discounts and perquisites arising or resulting from their activities on behalf of the Funds, which will not offset or reduce management fees or otherwise be shared with the Funds, their Portfolio Entities or the Fund investors. For example, airline travel or hotel stays will result in “miles” or “points” or credit in loyalty or status programs, and such benefits will, whether or not de minimis or difficult to value, inure exclusively to the benefit of the PE Advisers or their respective personnel or related parties receiving it, even though the cost of the underlying service is borne by the Funds and/or Portfolio Entities. Similarly, the PE Advisers and their respective personnel and related parties, and third parties designated by the foregoing, also receive discounts on products and services provided by Portfolio Entities and customers or suppliers of such Portfolio Entities. The Fund investors consent to the existence of these arrangements and benefits.

***Advisors, Consultants and Partners.*** The PE Advisers, their affiliates and their respective personnel and related parties engage and retain strategic advisors, consultants, senior advisors, industry experts, joint venture and other partners and professionals, any of whom might be current or former executives or other personnel of the PE Advisers or Portfolio Entities of the Funds or Other Blackstone Clients (collectively, “Consultants”), to provide a variety of services. Similarly, the Funds, Other Blackstone Clients and their Portfolio Entities retain and pay compensation to Consultants to provide services, or to undertake a build-up strategy to acquire and develop assets and businesses in a particular sector or involving a particular strategy. Any amounts paid by the Funds or a Portfolio Entity to Consultants in connection with the above, including performance-based compensation (e.g., promote), retainers and expense reimbursements, will be treated as partnership expenses or expenses of a Portfolio Entity, as

the case may be, and will not, even if they have the effect of reducing any retainers or minimum amounts otherwise payable by the applicable PE Adviser, be chargeable to such PE Adviser or deemed paid to or received by such PE Adviser, or offset or reduce any management fees to such PE Adviser or be subordinated to return of the Fund investor's capital. Amounts charged by Consultants will not necessarily be confirmed as being comparable to market rates for such services. Also, Consultants often co-invest alongside the Funds in Portfolio Entities and investments of the Funds, participate in long-term incentive plans of a Portfolio Entity, and invest directly in the Funds or in vehicles controlled by the Funds, with reduced or waived management fees and carried interest and such co-investment or participation (which generally will result in the Funds being allocated a smaller share of an investment and less co-investment being available to Fund investors) may or may not be considered part of Blackstone's side-by-side co-investment rights, as determined by the applicable PE Adviser in its sole discretion. Consultants' benefits described in this paragraph may continue after termination of status as a Consultant.

The time, dedication and scope of work of a Consultant varies considerably. In some cases, Consultants provide the PE Advisers with industry-specific insights and feedback on investment themes, assists in transaction due diligence, and makes introductions to, and provides reference checks on, management teams. In other cases, Consultants take on more extensive roles, including serving as executives or directors on the boards of Portfolio Entities and contributing to the identification and origination of new investment opportunities. The Funds may rely on these Consultants to recommend the PE Advisers and the Funds as a preferred investment partner and carry out its investment program, but there is no assurance that any Consultant will continue to be involved with the Funds for any length of time. The PE Advisers and the Funds may have formal or informal arrangements with Consultants that may or may not have termination options and may include compensation, no compensation, or deferred compensation until occurrence of a future event, such as commencement of a formal engagement. In certain cases, Consultants have attributes of Blackstone "employees" (*e.g.*, they may have dedicated offices at Blackstone, receive administrative support from Blackstone personnel, participate in general meetings and events for Blackstone personnel or work on Blackstone matters as their primary or sole business activity, have Blackstone-related e-mail addresses or business cards and participate in certain benefit arrangements typically reserved for Blackstone employees), even though they are not Blackstone employees, affiliates or personnel for purposes of the Organizational Documents, and their salary and related expenses are paid by the Funds as partnership expenses or by Portfolio Entities without any reduction or offset to management fees. Some Consultants work only for a Fund and its Portfolio Entities, while other Consultants may have other clients. In particular, in some cases, Consultants, including those with a "Senior Advisor" title, have been and will be engaged with the responsibility to source and recommend transactions to the PE Adviser potentially on a full-time and/or exclusive basis and, notwithstanding any overlap with the responsibilities of the PE Adviser under the Organizational Documents, the compensation to such Consultants may be borne fully by a Fund and/or Portfolio Entity (with no reduction or offset to management fees) and not the PE Adviser. Consultants could have conflicts of interest between their work for a

Fund and its Portfolio Entities, on the one hand, and themselves or other clients, on the other hand, and the PE Advisers are limited in their ability to monitor and mitigate these conflicts.

As an example of the foregoing, in certain investments by the Funds including involving a “platform company,” the Funds will from time to time enter into an arrangement with one or more individuals (who may be former personnel of Blackstone or current or former personnel of Portfolio Entities of the Funds or Other Blackstone Clients, may have experience or capability in sourcing or managing investments, and may form a management team) to undertake a build-up strategy to acquire and develop assets and businesses in a particular sector or involving a particular strategy. The services provided by such individuals or relevant Portfolio Entity, as the case may be, could include the following with respect to investments of the Funds: origination or sourcing, due diligence, evaluation, negotiation, servicing, development, management (including turnaround) and disposition. The individuals or relevant Portfolio Entity could be compensated with a salary and equity incentive plan, including a portion of profits derived from the Funds or a Portfolio Entity or asset of the Funds, or other long term incentive plans. Compensation could also be based on assets under management, a waterfall similar to a carried interest, respectively, or other similar metric. The Funds could initially bear the cost of overhead (including rent, utilities, benefits, salary or retainers for the individuals or their affiliated entities) and the sourcing, diligence and analysis of investments, as well as the compensation for the individuals and entity undertaking the build-up strategy. Such expenses could be borne directly by the Funds as partnership expenses (or broken deal expenses, if applicable) or indirectly through expenditures by a Portfolio Entity. None of such Portfolio Entities or Consultants will be treated as affiliates of the PE Adviser for purposes of the Organizational Documents and none of the fees, costs or expenses described above will reduce or offset the management fee.

In addition, the General Partners may engage third parties as senior advisors (or another similar capacity) in order to advise them with respect to existing investments, specific investment opportunities, and economic and industry trends. Such senior advisors may receive reimbursement of reasonable related expenses by Portfolio Entities or a Fund and may have the opportunity to invest in a portion of the equity available to a Fund for investment which may be taken by the General Partners and their affiliates. If such senior advisors generate investment opportunities on the Partnership’s behalf, such members may receive special additional fees or allocations comparable to those received by a third party in an arm’s length transaction.

**Multiple Blackstone Business Lines.** Blackstone has multiple business lines, including the Blackstone Capital Markets Group, which Blackstone, the Funds, Other Blackstone Clients, Portfolio Entities of the Funds and Other Blackstone Clients and third parties may engage for debt and equity financings and to provide other investment banking, brokerage, investment advisory or other services. As a result of these activities, Blackstone is subject to a number of actual and potential conflicts of interest, greater regulatory oversight and more legal and contractual restrictions than if it had one line of business. For example, Blackstone may come into possession of information that limits the Funds’ ability to engage in potential transactions.

Similarly, other Blackstone businesses and their personnel may be prohibited by law or contract from sharing information with the PE Advisers that would be relevant to monitoring the Funds' investments and other activities. Additionally, Blackstone or Other Blackstone Clients can be expected to enter into covenants that restrict or otherwise limit the ability of the Funds or their Portfolio Entities and their respective affiliates to make investments in, or otherwise engage in, certain businesses or activities. For example, Other Blackstone Clients could have granted exclusivity to a joint venture partner that limits the Funds and Other Blackstone Clients from owning assets within a certain distance of any of the joint venture's assets, or Blackstone or an Other Blackstone Client could have entered into a non-compete in connection with a sale or other transaction. These types of restrictions may negatively impact the ability of the Funds to implement its investment program. (See also "—Other Blackstone Clients; Allocation of Investment Opportunities" herein.) Finally, Blackstone personnel who are members of the investment team or investment committee may be excluded from participating in certain investment decisions due to conflicts involving other Blackstone businesses or for other reasons, in which case the Funds will not benefit from their experience. The Fund investors will not receive a benefit from any fees earned by Blackstone or its personnel from these other businesses.

Blackstone is under no obligation to decline any engagements or investments in order to make an investment opportunity available to the Funds. Blackstone has long-term relationships with a significant number of corporations and their senior management. The PE Advisers will consider those relationships when evaluating an investment opportunity, which may result in the PE Advisers choosing not to make such an investment due to such relationships (e.g., investments in a competitor of a client or other person with whom Blackstone has a relationship). The Funds may be forced to sell or hold existing investments as a result of investment banking relationships or other relationships that Blackstone and its affiliates may have or transactions or investments that Blackstone and its affiliates may make or have made. Therefore, there can be no assurance that all potentially suitable investment opportunities that come to the attention of Blackstone will be made available to the Funds. (See "—Other Blackstone Clients; Allocation of Investment Opportunities" and "Portfolio Entity Relationships Generally" herein.) The Funds may also co-invest with clients of Blackstone or other persons with whom Blackstone has a relationship in particular investment opportunities, and other aspects of these Blackstone relationships could influence the decisions made by the PE Advisers with respect to the Funds' investments and otherwise result in a conflict (See also "—Other Blackstone Clients; Allocation of Investment Opportunities" herein.)

Finally, Blackstone and Other Blackstone Clients could acquire limited partner interests in the Funds in the secondary market. Blackstone and Other Blackstone Clients would generally have greater information than counterparties in such transactions, and the existence of such business could produce conflicts, including in the valuation of the Funds' investments.

***Minority Investments in Asset Management Firms.*** Blackstone and Other Blackstone Clients, including BSCH and its related parties, regularly make minority investments in alternative asset management firms that are not affiliated with Blackstone. The Funds, Other Blackstone Clients

and their respective Portfolio Entities and which may from time to time engage in similar investment transactions, including with respect to purchase and sale of investments, with these asset management firms and their sponsored funds and Portfolio Entities. Typically, the Blackstone-related party with an interest in the asset management firm would be entitled to receive a share of carried interest/performance based incentive compensation and net fee income or revenue share generated by the various products, vehicles, funds and accounts managed by that third party asset management firm that are included in the transaction or activities of the third party asset management firm, or a subset of such activities such as transactions with a Blackstone related party. In addition, while such minority investments are generally structured so that Blackstone does not “control” such third party asset management firms, Blackstone may nonetheless be afforded certain governance rights in relation to such investments (typically in the nature of “protective” rights, negative control rights or anti-dilution arrangements, as well as certain reporting and consultation rights) that afford Blackstone the ability to influence the firm. Although Blackstone and Other Blackstone Clients including BSCH do not intend to control such third party asset management firms, there can be no assurance that all third parties will similarly conclude that such investments are non-control investments or that, due to the provisions of the governing documents of such third party asset management firms or the interpretation of applicable law or regulations, investments by Blackstone and Other Blackstone Clients, including BSCH, will not be deemed to have control elements for certain contractual, regulatory or other purposes. While such third party asset managers will not be deemed “affiliates” of Blackstone for any purpose, Blackstone may, under certain circumstances, be in a position to influence the management and operations of such asset managers and the existence of its economic/revenue sharing interest therein may give rise to conflicts of interest. Participation rights in a third party asset management firm (or other similar business), negotiated governance arrangements and/or the interpretation of applicable law or regulations could expose the investments of the Funds to claims by third parties in connection with such investments (as indirect owners of such asset management firms or similar businesses) that may have an adverse financial or reputational impact on the performance of the Funds. The Funds, their affiliates and their respective Portfolio Entities may from time to time engage in transactions with, and buy and sell investments from, any such third party asset managers and their sponsored funds and Portfolio Entities. There can be no assurance that the terms thereof will be at arm’s length or that Blackstone will not receive a benefit from such transactions, which may make it more likely that such transactions would be entered into.

***Blackstone Policies and Procedures; Information Walls.*** Blackstone has implemented policies and procedures to address conflicts that arise as a result of its various activities, as well as regulatory and other legal considerations. Some of these policies and procedures, such as Blackstone’s information wall policy, also have the effect of reducing firm-wide synergies and collaboration that the Funds could otherwise expect to utilize for purposes of identifying and managing attractive investments. Personnel of Blackstone may be unable, for example, to assist with the activities of the Funds as a result of these walls. There can be no assurance that

additional restrictions will not be imposed that would further limit the ability of Blackstone to share information internally.

**Data.** Blackstone receives or obtains various kinds of data and information from the Funds, Other Blackstone Clients and their Portfolio Entities, including data and information relating to business operations, trends, budgets, customers and other metrics, some of which is sometimes referred to as “big data.” Blackstone may be better able to anticipate macroeconomic and other trends, and otherwise develop investment themes, as a result of its access to this data and information from the Funds, Other Blackstone Clients and their Portfolio Entities. Blackstone has entered and will continue to enter into information sharing and use arrangements, which may give Blackstone access to data that it would not otherwise obtain in the ordinary course, with the Funds, Other Blackstone Clients, and their Portfolio Entities, related parties and service providers. Although Blackstone believes that these activities improve Blackstone’s investment management activities on behalf of the Funds and Other Blackstone Clients, information obtained from the Funds and their Portfolio Entities also provides material benefits to Blackstone or Other Blackstone Clients without compensation or other benefit accruing to the Funds or their investors. For example, information from Portfolio Entities owned by the Funds may enable Blackstone to better understand a particular industry and execute trading and investment strategies in reliance on that understanding for Blackstone and Other Blackstone Clients that do not own an interest in the Portfolio Entity, without compensation or benefit to the Funds or their Portfolio Entities.

Furthermore, except for contractual obligations to third parties to maintain confidentiality of certain information, and regulatory limitations on the use of material nonpublic information, Blackstone is generally free to use data and information from the Funds’ activities to assist in the pursuit of Blackstone’s various other activities, including to trade for the benefit of Blackstone or an Other Blackstone Client. Any confidentiality obligations in the Organizational Documents do not limit Blackstone’s ability to do so. For example, Blackstone’s ability to trade in securities of an issuer relating to a specific industry may, subject to applicable law, be enhanced by information of a Portfolio Entity in the same or related industry. Such trading may provide a material benefit to Blackstone without compensation or other benefit to the Funds or their investors.

The sharing and use of “big data” and other information presents potential conflicts of interest and the Fund investors acknowledge and agree that any benefits received by Blackstone will not be subject to the management fee offset provisions or otherwise shared with the Funds or their investors. As a result, the PE Advisers have an incentive to pursue investments that have data and information that can be utilized in a manner that benefits Blackstone or Other Blackstone Clients.

**Blackstone Strategic Relationships.** Blackstone has entered, and it can be expected that Blackstone in the future will enter, into strategic relationships with investors (and/or one or more of their affiliates) that involve an overall relationship with Blackstone that could incorporate one or more strategies in addition to the Funds’ strategy (“Strategic

Relationships”). A Strategic Relationship often involves an investor agreeing to make a capital commitment to multiple Blackstone funds, one of which may be a Fund. Fund investors will not receive a copy of any agreement memorializing a Strategic Relationship program (even if in the form of a side letter) and will be unable to elect in the “most-favored nations” election process any such rights or benefits afforded through a Strategic Relationship. Specific examples of such additional rights and benefits include, among others, specialized reporting, discounts on and/or reimbursement of management fees or carried interest, secondment of personnel from the investor to Blackstone (or vice versa), targeted amounts for co-investments alongside Blackstone funds (including, without limitation, preferential or favorable allocation of co-investment, and preferential terms and conditions related to co-investment or other participation in Blackstone funds (including any carried interest and/or management fees to be charged with respect thereto, as well as any additional discounts or rebates thereof or other penalties that may result if certain target co-investment allocations or other conditions under such arrangements are not achieved)). The co-investment that is part of a Strategic Relationship may include co-investment in investments made by the Funds. Blackstone, including its personnel (including private equity personnel), may receive compensation from Strategic Relationships and be incentivized to allocate investment opportunities away from the Funds to or source investment opportunities for Strategic Relationships. Strategic Relationships may therefore result in fewer co-investment opportunities (or reduced allocations) being made available to Fund investors. (See also “—Additional Potential Conflicts of Interest with respect to Co-Investment; Strategic Relationships Involving Co-Investment” herein).

***Buying and Selling Investments or Assets from Certain Related Parties.*** The Funds and their Portfolio Entities may purchase investments or assets from or sell investments or assets of the Funds to Fund investors, Portfolio Entities of Other Blackstone Clients or their respective related parties. Purchases and sales of investments or assets of the Funds between the Funds or their Portfolio Entities, on the one hand, and Fund investors, Portfolio Entities of Other Blackstone Clients or their respective related parties, on the other hand, are not subject to the approval of any L.P. Advisory Committee or Fund investor or Independent Client Representative (if any) These transactions involve conflicts of interest, as Blackstone may receive fees and other benefits, directly or indirectly, from or otherwise have interests in both parties to the transaction.

***Blackstone’s Relationship with Pátria.*** Blackstone owns 40% of the equity interests in Pátria Investimentos Ltd. (“Pátria”), a leading Brazilian alternative asset manager and advisory firm. Pátria’s alternative asset management businesses include the management of private equity funds, real estate funds, infrastructure funds and hedge funds (e.g., a multi-strategy fund and a long/short equity fund). Each of Blackstone’s and Pátria’s respective investment funds continues to pursue investment opportunities in accordance with their existing mandates. While it is not expected that there will be material overlap between the Funds’ investment programs and Pátria’s investment activities, there may be instances in which investment opportunities otherwise appropriate for the Funds will be shared with (or allocated to) Pátria. Therefore, there may be opportunities available to Pátria that are not shared with the Funds,

and there may be opportunities available to the Funds that are shared with one or more Pátria funds. Blackstone generally expects, with respect to certain types of investments in Brazil otherwise suitable for the Funds, to permit such investments to be shared with and/or pursued by Pátria, which may be on a priority basis and may result in the Funds not participating in any such investments or participating therein to a lesser extent. In addition, the Funds may invest in companies or other entities in which Pátria sponsored investment funds make an investment in a different part of the capital structure (and *vice versa*). In such situations, the Funds and such other Pátria sponsored investment funds (and therefore Blackstone through its indirect minority interest in Pátria) may have conflicting interests (*e.g.*, over the terms of their respective investments). Pátria is not considered an “affiliate” of Blackstone under the Organizational Documents.

***Other Blackstone Clients; Allocation of Investment Opportunities.*** Blackstone invests its own capital and third-party capital on behalf of Other Blackstone Clients and the Funds in a wide variety of investment opportunities throughout the world. In addition, certain exceptions exist that allow specified types of investment opportunities that fall within the Funds’ investment objectives or strategy to be allocated in whole or in part to Blackstone itself or Other Blackstone Clients, such as strategic investments made by Blackstone itself (whether in financial institutions or otherwise) and the exception for Other Blackstone Clients that have investment objectives or guidelines similar to or overlapping with those of the Funds. It is expected that some activities of Blackstone, the Other Blackstone Clients and their Portfolio Entities will compete with the Funds and their Portfolio Entities for one or more investment opportunities that are consistent with the Funds’ investment objectives, and as a result such investment opportunities may only be available on a limited basis, or not at all, to the Funds. The PE Advisers have conflicting loyalties in determining whether an investment opportunity should be allocated to the Funds, Blackstone or an Other Blackstone Client, and these conflicts may not necessarily be resolved in favor of the Funds. Blackstone has adopted guidelines and policies, which it may update from time to time, regarding allocation of investment opportunities.

- **Overlapping Objectives and Strategies:** In circumstances in which any Other Blackstone Clients have investment objectives or guidelines that overlap with those of the Funds, in whole or in part, Blackstone generally determines the relative allocation of investment opportunities among one or more of the Funds and/or Other Blackstone Clients on a fair and reasonable basis in good faith according to guidelines and factors determined by it. However, the application of those guidelines and factors may result in the Funds not participating, or not participating to the same extent, in investment opportunities in which they would have otherwise participated, or participated to a greater extent, had the related allocations been determined without regard to such guidelines. The PE Advisers could also determine not to pursue opportunities as discussed below in “— Certain Investments inside the Funds’ Mandates that are not Pursued by the Funds.” Among the factors that the PE Advisers consider in making investment allocations among the Funds and Other Blackstone Clients are the following: (i) any applicable investment objectives, focus, parameters, guidelines, investor preferences, limitations

and other contractual provisions and terms relating to the Funds and such Other Blackstone Clients and the duration of their investment period, (ii) available capital of the Funds and such Other Blackstone Clients, and the duration of the investment period, (iii) legal, tax, accounting, regulatory and other considerations deemed relevant by the PE Advisers, including, without limitation, (iv) primary and permitted investment strategies and objectives of the Funds and the Other Blackstone Clients, including, without limitation, with respect to Other Blackstone Clients that expect to invest in or alongside other funds or across asset classes based on expected return (such as BTAS Funds, BREP Funds, BREDS Funds, BIP Funds, GSO Funds, Strategic Partners, Life Sciences, BIS Funds, BAAM Funds (including BSOF), BSCH, Blackstone Life Sciences Funds, BTO Funds and certain managed accounts with similar investment strategies and objectives), (v) sourcing of the investment, (vi) the sector and geography/location of the investment, (vii) the specific nature (including size, type, amount, liquidity, holding period, anticipated maturity and minimum investment criteria) of the investment, (viii) expected investment return, (ix) risk/return profile of the investment, (x) expected leverage on the investment, (xi) expected cash characteristics (such as cash-on-cash yield, distribution rates or volatility of cash flows), (xii) capital expenditure required as part of the investment, (xiii) portfolio diversification concerns (including, but not limited to, whether a particular fund already has its desired exposure to the investment, sector, industry, geographic region or markets in question), (xiv) relation to existing investments in a fund, if applicable (e.g., “follow on” to existing investment, joint venture or other partner to existing investment, or same security as existing investment), (xv) avoiding allocation that could result in de minimis or odd lot investments, (xvi) co-investment arrangements, (xvii) anticipated tax treatment of the investment, and (xviii) other considerations deemed relevant by the PE Advisers in good faith. Moreover, under certain circumstances investment opportunities sourced and/or identified by the Funds and that fall within the Funds’ investment strategy and objective may be allocated in whole or in part to Portfolio Entities, Other Blackstone Clients or portfolio entities of Other Blackstone Clients, or Blackstone. The allocation of investments to Other Blackstone Clients, including as described above, may result in fewer co-investment opportunities (or reduced allocations) being made available to the Fund investors.

- Certain Investments inside the Funds’ Mandates that are not Pursued by the Funds: Under certain circumstances, Blackstone may determine not to pursue some or all of an investment opportunity within the Funds’ mandates, including without limitation, as a result of business, reputational or other reasons applicable to the Funds, Other Blackstone Clients, their respective Portfolio Entities or Blackstone. In addition, the PE Advisers may determine that the Funds should not pursue some or all of an investment opportunity, including, by way of example and without limitation, because the Funds have already invested sufficient capital in the investment, sector, industry, geographic region or markets in question, as determined by the PE Advisers in their good faith reasonable sole discretion, or the investment is not appropriate for the Funds for other

reasons as determined by the PE Advisers in their good faith reasonable sole discretion. In any such case Blackstone could, thereafter, offer such opportunity to other parties, including Other Blackstone Clients or Portfolio Entities or Fund investors or Other Blackstone Clients, joint venture partners, related parties or third parties, and such parties may pursue the opportunity. Some examples of types of investments for which the General Partners will have discretion to allocate away from certain of the Funds include: (i) investments in companies with substantial real estate holdings, which may be allocated among the Funds, the Parallel Funds and Other Blackstone Clients on a basis that the General Partners believe in good faith to be fair and reasonable; (ii) investments in certain specific geographic areas outside the United States and Canada (to the extent Other Blackstone Clients are formed to invest therein), (iii) investments where the amount available for common or preferred equity investment by the Funds (and Other Blackstone Clients, if appropriate) would be less than a stated amount; (iv) transactions that would be precluded or materially limited by the investment limitations, or other requirements of the Organizational Documents or applicable law or regulation (including ERISA); (v) investments by Blackstone in asset management or financial advisory businesses, banking or other similar financial institutions, but only in the case of strategic acquisitions by Blackstone (and not any Other Blackstone Client); (vi) in respect of the BCP Funds, investment opportunities suitable for a lower risk, lower return fund, or, investment opportunities with respect to which the General Partners make a good faith determination that such opportunity is not expected to yield returns on investment within the range of returns expected to be provided by the investments in which the Funds was organized to invest, based on the terms thereof and the information available relating to such opportunity at the time of its evaluation by the General Partners, whether as a result of a longer expected hold period or otherwise (*i.e.*, “core” private equity or “core+” private equity investments); (vii) investment opportunities that are within the investment objectives of Blackstone’s infrastructure program, which consists of Blackstone Infrastructure Partners L.P. and one or more other open-ended commingled private investment funds and separate accounts, including infrastructure investments (*i.e.*, a longer-life, stable asset) that, at the time of the initial investment therein, has a longer expected hold period and lower expected annual rate of return, in each case relative to those generally targeted by the Funds, as determined by the General Partners in good faith; (viii) debt investment opportunities, which may be allocated among the Funds and/or the GSO Funds; (ix) minority investments, which may be allocated to or shared with Blackstone Tactical Opportunities Fund L.P. and its related vehicles and successor funds; and (x) investment opportunities arising in instances where an affiliate of Blackstone acts as the general partner or investment manager (or any similar capacity) for another investment vehicle which is not a Similar Fund and such other investment vehicle (*e.g.*, an investment fund the primary purpose of which is investing in assets or businesses related to the infrastructure sector) has investment objectives or guidelines in common with those of the Funds. In such instances, investment opportunities which are within such common objectives or guidelines will be allocated between the Funds and such other vehicle by

the General Partners on a basis that the General Partners believe in good faith to be fair and reasonable (which may result in the Funds not participating and/or not participating to the same extent in such investment opportunity). In making its good faith determination as to what is “fair and reasonable” under the circumstances, the General Partners and their affiliates shall be permitted to consider a number of factors including, without limitation, the specific nature of the investment, size and type of the investment, relative investment strategies and primary investment mandates, portfolio diversification concerns, contractual obligations, applicable investment limitations or guidelines and other terms of such funds, relative amounts of available capital for each investment fund, duration of the investment period of each fund, source of the investment opportunity, the investment focus of each fund, anticipated holding period and remaining investment periods, co-investment arrangements, the nature and extent of involvement of the respective teams of investment professionals dedicated to the Funds when compared to the Other Blackstone Clients, legal, tax, regulatory, accounting and other similar considerations, and other considerations deemed relevant in good faith. In addition, as a general matter, it is expected that Blackstone’s Real Estate and GSO credit business will receive priority over most real estate opportunities and certain types of credit opportunities, respectively. The arrangements described herein may result in investments that fit within the primary investment mandates of the Funds being wholly or partially allocated to one or more Other Blackstone Clients. Any such Other Blackstone Clients may be advised by a different Blackstone business group with a different investment committee, which could determine an investment opportunity to be more attractive than the PE Advisers believe to be the case. In any event, there can be no assurance that the PE Advisers’ assessment will prove correct or that the performance of any investments actually pursued by the Funds will be comparable to any investment opportunities that are not pursued by the Funds. Blackstone, including its personnel, may receive compensation from any such party that makes the investment, including an allocation of carried interest or referral fees, and any such compensation could be greater than amounts paid by the Funds to the PE Advisers. In some cases, Blackstone earns greater fees when Other Blackstone Clients participate alongside or instead of the Funds in an investment.

Blackstone recently launched an infrastructure investment program, which is expected to consist of Blackstone Infrastructure Partners L.P. and one or more other open-ended commingled private investment funds and separate accounts, including a separate account through which a large sovereign wealth fund investor has committed to generally match up to \$20 billion of capital commitments from third-party investors (such funds, vehicles and accounts, including any successors thereto, collectively, “BIP”). It is therefore expected that BIP will, from time to time, have up to, or in excess of, \$40 billion in available capital for investments in infrastructure assets, which may include investments in energy infrastructure, “waste-to-energy” and/or other energy or natural resources-related companies or projects that could be considered to fit within the common investment objectives of the Funds and BIP, and there can be no assurances that any such investments will not be wholly or partially allocated

to BIP following consideration of the guidelines and factors described herein. In addition, Blackstone's energy and natural resources-related investment activities have expanded with the formation of GSO Energy Select Opportunities Fund LP (the "GSO Energy Debt Fund"), which focuses primarily on making energy and natural resources-related debt investments, and with Blackstone's acquisition of Harvest Fund Advisors LLC, which sponsors or manages funds, vehicles and accounts (the "Harvest Funds") that invest in the securities of energy or natural resources-focused midstream master limited partnerships ("MLPs"). As a result, it can be expected that investments that could be considered to fit within the common investment objectives of the Funds and the GSO Energy Debt Fund, such as energy and natural resources-related debt and/or equity investments, may be allocated in whole or in part to the GSO Energy Debt Fund, and that investments that could be considered to fit within the common investment objectives of the Funds and the Harvest Funds, such as investments in energy or natural resources-focused MLPs, may be allocated in whole or in part to the Harvest Funds. Furthermore, other types of investments that could be considered to fit within the common investment objectives of the Funds and Other Blackstone Clients may be allocated in whole or in part to such Other Blackstone Clients. For example, it can be expected that investments in companies with substantial real estate holdings may be allocated to Blackstone's real estate funds. Accordingly, there can be no assurances that any investments that could be considered to fit within the investment objectives of the Funds will not, following consideration of the guidelines and factors described herein, be wholly or partially allocated to BIP, the GSO Energy Debt Fund, the Harvest Funds or any other existing or future Other Blackstone Clients.

With respect to each General Partner's ability to allocate investment opportunities, including where such opportunities are within the common objectives and guidelines of the Funds and Other Blackstone Client (which allocations are to be made on a basis that each General Partner believes in good faith to be fair and reasonable), Blackstone has established general guidelines for determining how such allocations are to be made, which, among other things, set forth priorities and presumptions regarding what constitutes "debt" investments, ranges of rates of returns for defining "core" or "core+" investments and "infrastructure" investments, presumptions regarding allocation for certain types of investments (*e.g.*, distressed investments) and other matters.

- Financial Compensation to Allocate Investment Opportunities to Other Blackstone Clients: When the PE Advisers determine not to pursue some or all of an investment opportunity for a Fund that would otherwise be within such Fund's objectives and strategies, and Blackstone provides the opportunity or offers the opportunity to Other Blackstone Clients, Blackstone, including its personnel (including private equity personnel) may receive compensation from the Other Blackstone Clients, whether or not in respect of a particular investment, including an allocation of carried interest or referral fees, and any such compensation could be greater than amounts paid by such Fund to the PE Advisers. As a result, the PE Advisers (including private equity personnel who receive such compensation) could be incentivized to allocate investment opportunities away from the Funds to or source investment opportunities for Other

Blackstone Clients. In addition, in some cases Blackstone may earn greater fees when Other Blackstone Clients participate alongside or instead of the Funds in an investment.

- Allocation among BCP and BEP: Blackstone Energy Partners III L.P. (“BEP III” and, together with its parallel and successor funds and alternative vehicles, “BEP”) is being formed by Blackstone with a target size of \$4.5 billion to invest in the energy and natural resources sectors. It is generally expected that BCP will participate in investments to be made by BEP typically in an amount equal to 30% of the amount invested in such Investment by BEP and BCP (the “BEP Co-Investment Percentage”), subject to: (i) legal, tax, regulatory, accounting and other similar considerations, (ii) any investment limitations of BEP or the Partnership, (iii) BEP or BCP having available capital with respect thereto, and (iv) the General Partner otherwise changing the BEP Co-Investment Percentage for a particular Investment or prospective Investments generally if (w) it considers such change appropriate in its good faith judgment, (x) it obtains the approval of the L.P. Advisory Committee, (y) any necessary approval required under the partnership agreement of BEP is obtained and (z) the Investment is otherwise consistent with the terms of the Partnership Agreement; provided that if the amount invested by BEP in such Investment, including any expected “follow on” Investments related thereto, would otherwise exceed 15% of BEP’s capital commitments (or 10% if BEP holds (or has held at any time during its term) two or more Investments for which such 15% threshold was reached), Blackstone may allocate such excess as it determines, including to the Partnership, Other Blackstone Clients or other co-investors. See Section IV: “Detailed Summary of Partnership Terms—Allocation of Investment Opportunities; Investments alongside Other Blackstone Clients; Similar Funds.”
- Allocation among BCP and BCP Asia: Blackstone Capital Partners Asia L.P. (together with its parallel and successor funds and alternative investment vehicles, “BCP Asia”), Blackstone’s private equity investment vehicle focused on investments in the Asia Pacific region, will participate in Investments in the Asia Pacific region alongside the Partnership, typically in an amount equal to 60% of the aggregate amount to be invested in therein by BCP and BCP Asia (the “BCP Asia Co-Investment Percentage”), subject to (i) legal, tax, regulatory, accounting and other similar considerations, (ii) any investment limitations of BCP or BCP Asia (iii) BCP or BCP Asia having available capital with respect thereto, or (iv) the General Partner otherwise changing the BCP Asia Co-Investment Percentage for a particular Investment or prospective Investments generally if (w) it considers such change appropriate in its good faith judgment, (x) it obtains the approval of the L.P. Advisory Committee, (y) any necessary approval required under the partnership agreement of BCP Asia is obtained and (z) the Investment is otherwise consistent with the terms of the Partnership Agreement. In addition, if an Investment (for the avoidance of doubt, taking into account any anticipated “follow-on” investments) would otherwise exceed 7% of the capital commitments to BCP Asia, Blackstone may allocate such excess as it determines, including to the Partnership, Other Blackstone Clients or other co-investors.
- Allocation among BCP and BCEP Funds: The General Partner of the BCEP Funds reserves the right to organize, sponsor, raise and/or manage parallel vehicles, either directly or through an affiliate, for the benefit of certain investors, which may (a) employ investment strategies that are the same as or that overlap with those of the relevant BCEP Fund or the same or similar investment objectives as the relevant BCEP Fund and

(b) have terms that differ from those of the relevant BCEP Fund. Parallel accounts may have terms that are more beneficial than those of the relevant BCEP Fund.

For any investments that fall within the investment objectives of any of the BCEP Funds, the applicable BCEP Funds will generally invest and divest in each such investment at substantially the same time and on substantially the same terms pro rata based on the maximum aggregate capital commitments that each of the BCEP Funds may contribute to any single investment, unless the applicable General Partner determines in good faith that a different allocation or terms are reasonably necessary or appropriate due to legal, regulatory, tax, accounting or other considerations (which may include investment objective, investment limitations, investor preferences, available capital and/or other reasons).

While the General Partner of the BCEP Funds will seek to allocate investments among the BCEP Funds, it is acknowledged and agreed that certain parallel vehicles of certain BCEP Funds may not necessarily participate in each investment made by the BCEP Funds as a result of the terms of the governing agreement of a relevant parallel vehicle, legal, tax, regulatory or other considerations, which will from time to time result in an increase in the BCEP Funds' allocable share of such investment.

In addition to different investor preferences, investors in the BCEP Funds should also note that the terms of the existing and future parallel vehicles (including the economic terms, investment limitations and veto rights with respect to investments, liquidity rights (including, but not limited to the ability to request or object to dispositions of investments, which may adversely affect investments in which the BCEP Funds or other investors have an interest, and contribution obligations of other investors with respect to such investments), investment period and suspension rights related thereto, diversification parameters, co-investment and any board or governance rights afforded to investors of parallel vehicles) may materially differ, and may in some instances be more favorable to the investors of parallel vehicles than the terms of the applicable BCEP Fund. Such different terms will from time to time create potential conflicts of interests for the applicable General Partner or its affiliates, including with respect to the allocation of investment opportunities. The terms of the partnership agreements of parallel accounts will not be electable by investors in BCEP Funds under any "most-favored-nations" clauses in such investors' side letters.

- Basis for Investment Allocation Determinations: The PE Advisers make good faith determinations for allocation decisions based on expectations that may prove inaccurate. Information unavailable to the PE Advisers, or circumstances not foreseen by the PE Advisers at the time of allocation, may cause an investment opportunity to yield a different return than expected. For example, an investment opportunity that the PE Advisers determine to be consistent with the return objectives of a core+ fund rather than the Funds may not match the PE Advisers' expectations and underwriting and generate an actual return that would have been appropriate for the Funds. Conversely,

an investment that the PE Advisers expect to be consistent with the Funds' return objectives may fail to achieve them.

- Investment alongside Other Blackstone Clients: The Funds will also invest alongside Other Blackstone Clients (including other vehicles in which Blackstone or its personnel invest) in investments that are suitable for one or more of the Funds and such Other Blackstone Clients. To the extent the Funds jointly holds securities with any Other Blackstone Client that has a different expected duration or liquidity terms, conflicts of interest will arise between the Funds and such Other Blackstone Client with respect to the timing and manner of disposition of opportunities. In order to mitigate any such conflicts of interest, the Funds may recuse themselves from participating in any decisions relating or with respect to the investment by the Funds or the Other Blackstone Client. If the Other Blackstone Client maintains voting rights with respect to the securities it holds, or if the Funds do not recuse themselves, Blackstone may be required to take action where it will have conflicting loyalties between its duties to the Funds and such Other Blackstone Clients, which may adversely impact the Funds. (See also “—Other Blackstone Clients; Allocation of Investment Opportunities” herein.) Even if the Funds (or any such Other Blackstone Clients and/or co-investment or other vehicles) invest in the same securities, conflicts of interest may still arise. For example, it is possible that as a result of legal, tax, regulatory, accounting or other considerations, the terms of such investment (including with respect to price and timing) for the Funds and such other funds and vehicles may not be the same. Additionally, the Funds and/or such Other Blackstone Clients and/or vehicles will generally have different expiration dates and/or investment objectives (including return profiles) and Blackstone, as a result, may have conflicting goals with respect to the price and timing of disposition opportunities and such differences may also impact the allocation of investment opportunities. As such, the Funds and/or such Other Blackstone Clients may dispose of any such shared investment at different times and on different terms.
- Investment alongside Blackstone Affiliates: The Organizational Documents specify that Blackstone (which includes participation by Blackstone affiliates, professionals, employees and related parties, and entities and other key advisors and relationships of Blackstone, including in certain circumstances, Other Blackstone Clients) will be permitted to make investments alongside the Funds up to a maximum specified percentage of the total investment amount through Blackstone's side-by-side investment rights. In addition, subject to the terms of the Organizational Documents, each General Partner may permit certain Blackstone personnel and other professionals responsible for portfolio operations and other similar operational initiatives with respect to one or more Portfolio Entities of the Funds to participate in these side-by-side rights on an investment by investment basis. Each General Partner intends to limit participation by any such professionals to investments involving Portfolio Entities of the Funds with respect to which each General Partner expects in good faith that such professionals will be materially involved following the consummation of such

investment. Such side-by-side investments generally result in the Funds being allocated a smaller share of an investment than would otherwise be the case in the absence of such side-by-side investment rights. Blackstone generally receives no fees in relation to side-by-side investments, but will often receive additional income in fees and performance compensation from Other Blackstone Clients in connection with such investments. Additionally, Other Blackstone Clients and former Blackstone employees and professionals (and their relatives and related endowment funds) will be permitted (or have the preferred right) to participate in Blackstone's side-by-side co-investment rights. In particular, the BTAS Funds (and may be allocated a substantial portion of Blackstone's side-by-side co-investment rights (and in some cases, a majority)), which invest in, or alongside, multiple Blackstone funds, will participate in investments alongside the Funds pursuant to Blackstone's side-by-side investment rights, and in such cases Blackstone would be eligible to receive fees and carried interest from the investors in such vehicles (as determined in Blackstone's sole discretion). The Funds may lend an amount to Blackstone and its affiliates with respect to their *pro rata* share of such investments; *provided*, that any such amounts so borrowed shall be on no more favorable terms than those applicable to the Funds' borrowing of the related proceeds. The amount of carried interest charged and/or management fees paid by the Funds may be less than or exceed the amount of carried interest charged and/or management fees paid by Other Blackstone Clients. Such variation may create an incentive for Blackstone to allocate a greater percentage of an investment opportunity to the Funds or such Other Blackstone Clients, as the case may be.

Furthermore, the Blackstone Life Sciences private investment platform ("BXLS") was initiated with Blackstone's acquisition in November 2018 of Clarus, which sponsors and manages funds, vehicles and accounts ("Legacy Clarus Funds"). The active Legacy Clarus Funds invest opportunistically in the life sciences, health care and pharmaceutical industry in certain royalties and other structured investments in which funding requirements, success milestones and contractual return parameters are pre-negotiated prior to the initial investment ("Defined Exit Investments"). It is expected that in the future Blackstone will establish one or more new investments funds under the BXLS platform (the "BXLS Funds") whose investment objective will be largely consistent with that of the Legacy Clarus Funds. In addition, Blackstone is presently expected to establish a new investment platform ("Growth Equity Funds") focused on growth equity investments ("Growth Equity Investments") which will primarily provide capital to companies during the critical phase between venture capital investments and traditional buyouts. While the investment strategy of a Fund may not typically include Defined Exit Investments or Growth Equity Investments, it is possible that certain of those investment opportunities (or other investment opportunities within the investment objectives of the BXLS Funds and/or the Growth Equity Funds) may fit within, or overlap with, the investment objectives of such Fund and such investment opportunities may be allocated in whole or in part to such other funds and may result in such Fund participating less or not participating at all in such investment opportunities. Neither the Legacy Clarus Funds, the BXLS Funds, the Growth

Equity Funds nor their respective successor funds will be considered “Similar Funds” for purposes of the Funds’ Organizational Documents.

Blackstone has also entered into an investment management arrangement whereby it provides investment management services for compensation to Fidelity & Guaranty Life Insurance Company, a Portfolio Entity of an Other Blackstone Client, which will involve investments across a variety of asset classes (including investments that may otherwise be appropriate for the Funds), and in the future Blackstone may enter into similar arrangements with other Portfolio Entities of the Funds or Other Blackstone Clients. Such arrangements may reduce the allocations of investments to the Funds, and Blackstone may be incentivized to allocate investments away from the Funds to the counterparties to such investment management arrangements or other vehicles/accounts to the extent the economic arrangements related thereto are more favorable to Blackstone relative to the terms of the Funds.

***Allocation of Portfolios.*** Blackstone may have an opportunity to acquire a portfolio or pool of assets, securities and instruments that it determines should be divided and allocated among the Funds and Other Blackstone Clients. Such allocations generally would be based on Blackstone’s assessment of the expected returns and risk profile of each of the assets. For example, some of the assets in a pool may have an opportunistic return profile, while others may have a lower return profile not appropriate for the Funds. Also, a pool may contain both debt and equity instruments that Blackstone determines should be allocated to different funds. In all of these situations, the combined purchase price paid to a seller would be allocated among the multiple assets, securities and instruments in the pool and therefore among the Funds and Other Blackstone Clients acquiring any of the assets, securities and instruments. Similarly, there will likely be circumstances in which the Funds and Other Blackstone Clients will sell assets in a single or related transactions to a buyer. In some cases a counterparty will require an allocation of value in the purchase or sale contract, though Blackstone could determine such allocation of value is not accurate and should not be relied upon. Blackstone will generally rely upon internal analysis to determine the ultimate allocation of value, though it could also obtain third party valuation reports. Regardless of the methodology for allocating value, Blackstone will have conflicting duties to the Funds and Other Blackstone Clients when they buy or sell assets together in a portfolio, including as a result of different financial incentives Blackstone has with respect to different vehicles, most clearly when the fees and compensation, including performance-based compensation, earned from the different vehicles differ. There can be no assurance that an investment of the Funds will not be valued or allocated a purchase price that is higher or lower than it might otherwise have been allocated if such investment were acquired or sold independently rather than as a component of a portfolio shared with Other Blackstone Clients.

***Investments in Which Other Blackstone Clients Have a Different Principal Investment Generally.*** A Fund may hold an interest in a Portfolio Entity that is different (including with respect to relative seniority) than the interests held by Other Blackstone Clients. In these situations, conflicts of interest will arise. In order to mitigate any such conflicts of interest, such Fund may recuse itself from participating in any decisions relating or with respect to such

investment by such Fund or the applicable investments by such Other Blackstone Clients, or by establishing groups separated by information barriers (which may be temporary and limited purpose in nature) within Blackstone to act on behalf of each of the clients. Despite these, Blackstone may be required to take action when it will have conflicting loyalties between its duties to such Fund and such Other Blackstone Clients, which may adversely impact such Fund. If such Fund recuses itself from decision-making, it will generally rely upon a third party to make the decisions, and the third party could have conflicts or otherwise make decisions that Blackstone would not have made. Except to the extent expressly subject to the management fee offset provisions of the Advisory Agreements, the Fund investors will in no way receive any benefit from fees paid to any PE Advisers from a Portfolio Entity in which any Other Blackstone Client also has an interest (including, for greater certainty, any fees received as a result of the provision of services by the PE Advisers).

***Related Financing Counterparties.*** A Fund may invest in companies or other entities in which Other Blackstone Clients make an investment in a different part of the capital structure (and vice versa). The PE Advisers request in the ordinary course proposals from lenders and other sources to provide financing to the Funds and their Portfolio Entities. The PE Advisers take into account various facts and circumstances it deems relevant in selecting financing sources, including whether a potential lender has expressed an interest in evaluating debt financing opportunities, whether a potential lender has a history of participating in debt financing opportunities generally and with Blackstone in particular, the size of the potential lender's loan amount, the timing of the relevant cash requirement, the availability of other sources of financing, the creditworthiness of the lender, whether the potential lender has demonstrated a long-term or continuing commitment to the success of Blackstone and its funds, and such other factors that Blackstone deems relevant under the circumstances. The cost of debt alone is not determinative.

Debt financing to the Funds and their Portfolio Entities is expected to be provided, from time to time, by Fund investors, Other Blackstone Clients (such as the GSO Funds, BREDS Funds and BXMT Funds), their Portfolio Entities and other parties with material relationships with Blackstone, such as shareholders of and lenders to Blackstone and lenders to Other Blackstone Clients and their Portfolio Entities. Blackstone could have incentives to cause the Funds and their Portfolio Entities to accept less favorable financing terms from a Fund investor, Other Blackstone Clients, their Portfolio Entities, investors therein and other parties with material relationships with Blackstone than it would from a third party. The same concerns apply when any of these other parties invest in a more senior position in the capital structure of a Portfolio Entity than the Funds, even if the form of the transaction is not a financing. Although less common, the Funds or a Portfolio Entity could also occupy different position in the capital structure than an investor in a Fund, Other Blackstone Client, their Portfolio Entities and other parties with material relationships with Blackstone, in which case Blackstone could have an incentive to cause the Funds or Portfolio Entity to offer more favorable terms to such parties. In the case of a related party financing between the Funds or their Portfolio Entities, on the one hand, and Blackstone, Other Blackstone Clients or their Portfolio Entities, on the other hand,

the PE Advisers could, but is not obligated to, rely on a third party agent to confirm the terms offered by the counterparty are consistent with market terms, or the PE Advisers could instead rely on its own internal analysis, which the PE Advisers believe is often superior to third party analysis given Blackstone's scale in the market. If however any of Blackstone, a Fund, an Other Blackstone Client or any of their Portfolio Entities delegates to a third party, such as another member of a financing syndicate or a joint venture partner, the negotiation of the terms of the financing, the transaction will be assumed to be conducted on an arms-length basis, even though the participation of the Blackstone related vehicle impacts the market terms. For example, in the case of a loan extended to the Funds or a Portfolio Entity by a financing syndicate in which an Other Blackstone Client has agreed to participate on terms negotiated by a third party participant in the syndicate, it may have been necessary to offer better terms to the financing provider to fully subscribe the syndicate if such Other Blackstone Client had not participated; it is also possible that the frequent participation of Other Blackstone Clients in such syndicates could dampen interest among other potential financing providers, thereby lowering demand to participate in the syndicate and increasing the financing costs to the Funds. Blackstone does not believe either of these effects is significant, but no assurance can be given to Fund investors that these effects will not be significant in any circumstance. The General Partners will not be required to obtain any consent or seek any approvals from the applicable Fund investors, Independent Client Representative (if any) or the L.P. Advisory Committee in the case of any of these conflicts.

Blackstone could cause actions adverse to the Funds to be taken for the benefit of Other Blackstone Clients that have made an investment more senior in the capital structure of a Portfolio Entity than the Funds (*e.g.*, provide financing to a Portfolio Entity, the equity of which is owned by a Fund) and, *vice versa*, actions may be taken for the benefit of the Funds and their Portfolio Entities that are adverse to Other Blackstone Clients. Blackstone could seek to implement procedures to mitigate conflicts of interest in these situations such as (i) a forbearance of rights, including some or all non-economic rights, by the Funds or relevant Other Blackstone Client (or their respective Portfolio Entities, as the case may be) by, for example, causing such Other Blackstone Client to decline to exercise certain control- and/or foreclosure-related rights with respect to a Portfolio Entity by agreeing to follow the vote of a third party in the same tranche of the capital structure, or otherwise deciding to recuse itself with respect to decisions on defaults, foreclosures, workouts, restructurings and other similar matters, (ii) causing the Funds or relevant Other Blackstone Client (or their respective Portfolio Entities, as the case may be) to hold only a non-controlling interest in any such Portfolio Entity, (iii) retaining a third party loan servicer, administrative agent or other agent to make decisions on behalf of the Funds or relevant Other Blackstone Client (or their respective Portfolio Entities, as the case may be), or (iv) create groups of personnel within Blackstone separated by information barriers (which may be temporary and limited purpose in nature), each of which would advise one of the clients that has a conflicting position with other clients. As an example, to the extent an Other Blackstone Client holds an interest in a loan or security that is different (including with respect to relative seniority) than those held by the Funds or their Portfolio Entities, Blackstone may decline to exercise, or delegate to a third party, certain control, foreclosure and other

similar governance rights of the Other Blackstone Client. In these cases, Blackstone would generally act on behalf of one of its clients, though the other client would generally retain certain control rights, such as the right to consent to certain actions taken by the trustee or administrative or other agent of the investment, including a release, waiver, forgiveness or reduction of any claim for principal or interest; extension of maturity date or due date of any payment of any principal or interest; release or substitution of any material collateral; release, waiver, termination or modification of any material provision of any guaranty or indemnity; subordination of any lien; and release, waiver or permission with respect to any covenants.

In connection with negotiating loans and bank financings in respect of Blackstone-sponsored transactions, Blackstone will generally obtain the right to participate (for its own account or an Other Blackstone Client) in a portion of the financings with respect to such Blackstone-sponsored transactions on the same terms negotiated by third parties with Blackstone or other terms the PE Advisers determine to be consistent with the market. Although Blackstone could rely on third parties to verify market terms, Blackstone may nonetheless have influence on such third parties. No assurance can be given that negotiating with a third party, or verification of market terms by a third party, will ensure that the Funds and their Portfolio Entities receive market terms.

In certain circumstances, a Fund may be required to commit funds necessary for an investment prior to the time that all anticipated debt (senior and/or mezzanine) financing has been secured. In such circumstance, an Other Blackstone Client and/or Blackstone itself (using, in whole or in part, its own balance sheet capital), may provide bridge or other short-term financing and/or commitments, which at the time of establishment are intended to be replaced and/or syndicated with longer-term financing. Such bridge financing and/or commitment would not be considered “co-investment” under the Organizational Documents of such Fund and would be sold down ahead of equity invested by such Fund. In any such circumstance, the Other Blackstone Client and/or Blackstone itself may receive compensation for providing such financing and/or commitment (including ticking or commitment fees), which fees will not be shared with and/or otherwise result in an offset of management fees payable by any limited partner. The conflicts applicable to Other Blackstone Clients who invest in different securities of Portfolio Entities will apply equally to Blackstone itself in such situations. See also “—Securities and Lending Activities” and “—Syndication; Warehousing” herein.)

In addition, it is anticipated that in a bankruptcy proceeding a Fund’s interests will likely be subordinated or otherwise adverse to the interests of Other Blackstone Clients with ownership positions that are more senior to those of such Fund. For example, an Other Blackstone Client that has provided debt financing to an investment of a Fund may take actions for its benefit, particularly if such Fund’s investment is in financial distress, which adversely impact the value of the Fund’s subordinated interests.

Although Other Blackstone Clients, such as GSO Funds, can be expected to provide financing to the Funds and their Portfolio Entities, there can be no assurance that any Other Blackstone Client will indeed provide any such financing with respect to any particular investment of the

Funds. Participation by Other Blackstone Clients such as GSO Funds in some but not all financings of the Funds and their Portfolio Entities may adversely impact the ability of the Funds and their Portfolio Entities to obtain financing from third parties when Other Blackstone Clients do not participate, as it may serve as a negative signal to market participants.

Any financing provided by a Fund investor or an affiliate to the Funds or a Portfolio Entity is not a capital contribution to such Fund and does not reduce the unused Capital Commitment of such Fund investor. To the extent any Fund investor (or investor in any Other Blackstone Client) or any of its affiliates provides debt financing to the Funds or their Portfolio Entities, it will not be considered “co-investment” and any applicable covenants regarding co-investments in the Organizational Documents do not apply.

***Conflicting Fiduciary Duties to Debt Funds.*** Other Blackstone Clients include funds and accounts that make investments in senior secured loans, distressed debt, subordinated debt, high-yield securities, CMBS and other debt instruments, including any of the investment funds or vehicles sponsored or managed by GSO, an affiliate of Blackstone. As discussed above, it is expected that these Other Blackstone Clients or investors therein will be offered the opportunity to provide financing to the Funds or with respect to investments made by the Funds and their Portfolio Entities. Blackstone owes a fiduciary duty to these Other Blackstone Clients and investors therein as well as to the Funds and will encounter conflicts in the exercise of these duties. For example, if an Other Blackstone Client purchases high-yield securities or other debt instruments of a Portfolio Entity of the Funds, or otherwise occupies a senior (or other different) position in the capital structure of an investment relative to the Funds, Blackstone will encounter conflicts in providing advice to the Funds and to these Other Blackstone Clients with regard to appropriate terms of such high-yield securities or other instruments, the enforcement of covenants, the terms of recapitalizations and the resolution of workouts or bankruptcies, among other matters. Less commonly, the Funds could hold an investment that is senior in the capital structure, such as a debt instrument, to an Other Blackstone Client.

Similarly, certain Other Blackstone Clients including but not limited to GSO Funds, BAAM Funds and BREDS Funds (including BXMT Funds) may invest in securities of publicly traded companies that are actual or potential investments of the Funds or their Portfolio Entities. The trading activities of Other Blackstone Clients may differ from or be inconsistent with activities that are undertaken for the account of the Funds or their Portfolio Entities in any such securities. In addition, the Funds may not pursue an investment in a Portfolio Entity otherwise within the investment mandate of the Funds as a result of such trading activities by Other Blackstone Clients.

***Related Financing of Counterparties to Acquire Investments or Assets from the Funds and their Portfolio Entities.*** In certain transactions, Other Blackstone Clients will commit to and/or provide financing to third parties that bid for and/or purchase assets of the Funds and their Portfolio Entities. Although Blackstone believes that the participation by Other Blackstone Clients in such debt financings could be beneficial to the Funds by supporting third parties in

their efforts to bid on the sale of investments or assets by the Funds, Blackstone will have an incentive to cause the Funds or relevant Portfolio Entity to select to sell an asset to a third party that obtains debt financing from an Other Blackstone Client to the potential detriment of the Funds. Often price is the deciding factor in selecting a winning bid, but other factors at times cause a seller to select another bid. The PE Advisers could thereafter cause the Funds or a Portfolio Entity to sell an investment or asset of the Funds to a bidder that has received financing from an Other Blackstone Client, even when the bidder has not offered the most consideration for the asset. Fund investors rely on the PE Advisers to select in their sole discretion the best overall bidder in sales of the Fund's investments or assets, despite any conflict related to the parties financing the bidder.

***Co-Investment Opportunities.*** The Funds will co-invest with Fund investors, investors of Other Blackstone Clients, Blackstone affiliates and other parties with whom Blackstone has a material relationship. The allocation of co-investment opportunities is entirely and solely in the discretion of the PE Advisers, and it is expected that many investors who may have expressed an interest in co-investment opportunities will not be allocated any co-investment opportunities or may receive a smaller amount of co-investment opportunities than the amount requested. Furthermore, co-investment offered by Blackstone will be on such terms and conditions (including with respect to management fees, performance-based compensation and related arrangements and/or other fees applicable to co-investors) as Blackstone determines to be appropriate in its sole discretion on a case-by-case basis, which may differ amongst co-investors with respect to the same co-investment. In addition, the performance of Other Blackstone Clients co-investing with a Fund is not considered for purposes of calculating the carried interest payable by such Fund to the General Partners. Furthermore, the Funds and co-investors will often have different investment objectives and limitations, such as return objectives and maximum hold period. Blackstone, as a result, will have conflicting incentives in making decisions with respect to such opportunities. Even if the Funds and any such parties invest in the same securities on similar terms, conflicts of interest will still arise as a result of differing investment profiles of the investors, among other items.

- General Co-Investment Considerations: There are expected to be circumstances where an amount that would have otherwise been invested by a Fund is instead allocated to co-investors (who may or may not be Fund investors or investors of Other Blackstone Clients) or supplemental capital vehicles, and there is no guarantee that any Fund investor will be offered any particular co-investment opportunity. The PE Advisers will take into account various facts and circumstances deemed relevant by the PE Advisers in allocating co-investment opportunities, including, among others, whether a potential co-investor has expressed an interest in evaluating co-investment opportunities, the PE Advisers' assessment of a potential co-investor's ability to invest an amount of capital that fits the needs of the investment (taking into account the amount of capital needed as well as the maximum number of investors that can realistically participate in the transaction) and the PE Advisers' assessment of a potential co-investor's ability to commit to a co-investment opportunity within the required timeframe of the particular

transaction. Additional considerations may also include, among others and without limitation, the size of a potential co-investor's commitments to the Funds, Other Blackstone Clients and strategic third party investors; whether a potential co-investor has a history of participating in co-investment opportunities with Blackstone whether a potential co-investor has committed to an Other Blackstone Client; the size of the potential co-investor's interest to be held in the underlying Portfolio Entity as a result of the Funds' investment (which is likely to be based on the size of the potential co-investor's capital commitment and/or investment in the Fund); whether the potential co-investor has demonstrated a long-term and/or continuing commitment to the potential success of Blackstone, the Funds and/or Other Blackstone Clients (including whether a potential co-investor will help establish, recognize, strengthen or cultivate relationships that may provide indirectly longer-term benefits to the Funds or Other Blackstone Clients and their Portfolio Entities, or whether the co-investor has significant capital under management by Blackstone or intends to increase such amount); whether the potential co-investor has an overall strategic relationship with Blackstone that provides it with more favorable rights with respect to co-investment opportunities; whether the co-investor is considered "strategic" to the investment because it is able to offer the Funds certain benefits, including, but not limited to, the ability to help consummate the investment, the ability to aid in operating or monitoring the Portfolio Entity or the possession of certain expertise; the transparency, speed and predictability of the potential co-investor's investment process; whether Blackstone has previously expressed a general intention to seek to offer co-investment opportunities to such potential co-investor; whether a potential co-investor has the financial and operational resources and other relevant wherewithal to evaluate and participate in a co-investment opportunity; the familiarity Blackstone has with the personnel and professionals of the investor in working together in investment contexts (which may include such potential co-investor's history of investment in the Funds or Other Blackstone Clients<sup>0</sup>; the extent to which a potential co-investor has been provided a greater amount of co-investment opportunities relative to others; the ability of a potential co-investor to invest in potential follow-on or add-on acquisitions for the Portfolio Entity or participate in defensive investments; the likelihood that the potential co-investor would require governance rights that would complicate or jeopardize the transaction (or, alternatively, whether the investor would be willing to defer to Blackstone and assume a more passive role in governing the Portfolio Entity); any interests a potential co-investor may have in any competitors of the underlying Portfolio Entity; the tax profile of the potential co-investor and the tax characteristics of the investment (including whether or not the potential co-investor would require particular structuring implementation or covenants that would not otherwise be required but for its participation or whether such co-investor's participation is beneficial to the overall structuring of the investment); whether a potential co-investor's participation in the transaction would subject the Funds and/or any of their Portfolio Entities to additional regulatory requirements, review and/or scrutiny, including any necessary governmental approvals required to consummate the investment; the potential co-investor's

chemistry with the potential management team of the Portfolio Entity; whether the potential co-investor has any existing positions in the Portfolio Entity (whether in the same security in which the Funds are investing or otherwise); whether there is any evidence to suggest that there is a heightened risk with respect to the potential co-investor maintaining confidentiality; whether the potential co-investor has demonstrated a long term and/or continuing commitment to the potential success of the Funds, other affiliated funds and/or other co-investments, including the size of such commitment; any known investment policies and restrictions, guideline limitations or investment objectives that are relevant to the transaction, including the need for distributions; whether the expected holding period and risk-return profile of the investment is consistent with the stated goals of the investor; and such other factors that Blackstone may in good faith deem relevant and appropriate to consider in the circumstances. Blackstone may establish more co-investment vehicles (including dedicated or “standing” co-investment vehicles) for one or more investors (including third party investors and investors in the Funds) in order to co-invest alongside the Funds in one or more future investments. The existence of these vehicles could reduce the opportunity for other Fund investors to receive allocations of co-investment, and the amount and frequency of co-investment by any such co-investment vehicles would be at the discretion of the PE Advisers. Also, Blackstone may agree with investors (including Fund investors, Blackstone strategic relationships and third party investors) to more favorable rights or pre-negotiated terms with respect to co-investment opportunities, including with respect to discounts or rebates of performance-based compensation or management fees. To the extent any such arrangements are entered into, they may result in fewer co-investment opportunities being made available to the Fund investors. In addition, the allocation of investments to Other Blackstone Clients, including as described under “—Other Blackstone Clients; Allocation of Investment Opportunities” herein, may result in fewer co-investment opportunities (or reduced allocations) being made available to Fund investors.

- Additional Potential Conflicts of Interest with respect to Co-Investment; Strategic Relationships Involving Co-Investment: The PE Advisers will in certain circumstances be incentivized to offer certain potential co-investors (including, by way of example, as a part of an overall strategic relationship with Blackstone) opportunities to co-invest in priority or on more favorable terms than other potential co-investors due to the amount of performance-based compensation or management fees paid by the co-investor receiving the priority allocation or better terms (as well as any additional discounts or rebates avoided by allocating co-investments to such co-investor) or other aspects of such co-investor’s relationship with Blackstone. The management fees, carried interest and other fees received by Blackstone from and the amount of expenses charged to the Funds may be less or more than such amounts paid by or charged to co-investment vehicles pursuant to the terms of such vehicles’ partnership agreements and other agreements with co-investors, and such variation in the amount of fees and expenses may create an economic incentive for Blackstone to allocate a greater or lesser

percentage of an investment opportunity to the Funds or such co-investment vehicles or co-investors, as the case may be. In addition, other terms of existing and future co-investment vehicles may differ materially, and in some instances may be more favorable to Blackstone, than the terms of the Funds, and such different terms may create an incentive for Blackstone to allocate a greater or lesser percentage of an investment opportunity to the Funds or such co-investment vehicles, as the case may be. Such incentives will from time to time give rise to conflicts of interest, and there can be no assurance that any investment opportunities that would have otherwise been offered to the Funds or Fund investors through co-investment will be made available. Additionally, it can be expected that Blackstone will, from time to time, enter into arrangements or strategic relationships with third parties, including other asset managers, financial firms or other businesses or companies, which, among other things, provide for referral, sourcing or sharing of investment opportunities. Blackstone may pay management fees and performance-based compensation in connection with such arrangements. Blackstone may also provide for or receive reimbursement of certain expenses incurred or received in connection with these arrangements, including diligence expenses and general overhead, administrative, deal sourcing and related corporate expenses. The amount of these rebates may relate to allocations of co-investment opportunities and increase if certain co-investment allocations are not made. While it is possible that the Funds will, along with Blackstone itself, benefit from the existence of those arrangements and relationships, it is also possible that investment opportunities that would otherwise be presented to or made by the Funds would instead be referred (in whole or in part) to such third party, either as a contractual obligation or otherwise, resulting in fewer opportunities (or reduced allocations) being made available to the Funds and/or Fund investors.

***Liability Arising From Transactions Entered into Alongside Other Blackstone Clients.***

Participating in investments alongside Other Blackstone Clients will subject the Funds to a number of risks and conflicts. At times, a transaction counterparty may require facing only one fund entity, which may result in (i) if a Fund is a direct counterparty to a transaction, such Fund being solely liable with respect to its own share as well as other Funds' and Other Blackstone Clients' shares of any applicable obligations, or (ii) if a Fund is not the direct counterparty, it having a contribution obligation to the relevant other Funds and Other Blackstone Clients. Alternatively, a counterparty may agree to face multiple funds, which could result in a Fund being jointly and severally liable alongside other Funds and Other Blackstone Clients for the full amount of the applicable obligations. In cases in which the Funds could be responsible for the liability of other Funds or an Other Blackstone Client, or vice versa, the applicable parties would generally enter into a back-to-back or other similar contribution or reimbursement agreement. Likewise, for certain investment-related hedging transactions, it may be advantageous for counterparties to trade solely with the Funds. For these transactions, it is anticipated that the Funds would then enter into back-to-back trade confirmations or other similar arrangements with the relevant other Funds and Other Blackstone Clients. The party owing under such an arrangement may not have resources to pay its liability, however, in which case the other party

will bear more than its pro rata share of the relevant loss. It is not expected that the Funds or Other Blackstone Clients will be compensated for agreeing to be primarily liable vis-à-vis a third party counterparty. Moreover, in connection with the divestment of all or part of a Portfolio Entity (e.g., an initial public offering), Blackstone will seek to track the ownership interests, liabilities and obligations of the Funds and any Other Blackstone Clients owning an interest in the Portfolio Entity comprising such operating business, but it is possible that the Funds and applicable Other Blackstone Clients may incur shared, disproportionate or crossed liabilities. Furthermore, depending on various factors including the relative assets, expiration dates, investment objectives and return profiles of each of the Funds and such Other Blackstone Clients, it is possible that one or more of them will have greater exposure to legal claims and that they will have conflicting goals with respect to the price, timing and manner of disposition opportunities.

**Syndication; Warehousing.** Blackstone, the Funds, Other Blackstone Clients, joint venture partners, or affiliates or related parties of the foregoing could acquire an investment as principal and subsequently sell some or all of it to other Funds, Other Blackstone Clients and/or co-investment vehicles in an affiliate or related party transaction. Similarly, the Funds may acquire an investment and subsequently syndicate, or sell some or all of it, to Blackstone, other Funds, Other Blackstone Clients, co-investment vehicles, joint venture partners, or affiliates or related parties of the foregoing or other third parties. The PE Advisers may cause these transfers to be made at cost, or cost plus an interest rate or carrying cost charged from the time of acquisition to the time of transfer, notwithstanding that the fair market value of any such investments may have declined below or increased above cost from the date of acquisition to the time of such transfer. The PE Advisers may also determine another methodology for pricing these transfers, including fair market value at the time of transfer. Also, the PE Advisers may charge fees on these transfers to either or both of the parties to them. The Funds or their affiliates will retain any portion of an investment initially acquired by them with a view to syndication to co-investors or other potential purchasers to the extent such portion has not been syndicated after reasonable efforts to do so. Conflicts of interest are expected to arise in connection with these affiliate transactions, including with respect to timing, structuring, pricing and other terms. For example, the PE Advisers will have a potential conflict of interest when the PE Advisers receive fees, including carried interest, from an Other Blackstone Client acquiring from or transferring to the Funds all or a portion of an investment. Furthermore, PE Advisers and their affiliates have the right to commit to or initially acquire a portion of an investment alongside a Fund if they intend to syndicate such amounts to third parties (which may include one or more limited partners), and to retain such amounts not ultimately syndicated after having used reasonable efforts to syndicate. The equity committed/used in any such underwriting by the PE Advisers and their affiliates may come from Blackstone's own balance sheet and/or from one or more third parties that enter into arrangements with Blackstone with respect thereto, and may come from an Other Blackstone Client. In such circumstances, Blackstone will have the right to earn underwriting and/or syndication fees from such Fund, the portfolio company, or the purchasers of such equity, and such Fund and limited partners of such Fund will not be entitled to share in or receive the benefit of any such

underwriting and/or syndication fees. As a result, the PE Adviser may be incentivized to underwrite and/or syndicate amounts of equity in investments due to the right to earn fees not subject to offset in favor of the Limited Partners, even if the capital used to underwrite such amounts do not come entirely from the Blackstone's own balance sheet as described above, and Blackstone may share such fees with one or more third parties that commit to such equity investments and may charge purchasers of the equity fees and carried interest with respect thereto. (See also "—Securities and Lending Activities" herein.)

More specifically, the Funds are expected to initially acquire a portion of certain Investments (including through borrowings on a subscription based credit facility) intended as co-investments as described herein and to syndicate all or part of such co-investments to one or more co-investors (in accordance with the terms of, and the timeframe described in, the Organizational Documents). The value of the investment during such period could increase by a greater amount, but the Funds will not receive the full benefit of such increase.

***Break-up and other Similar Fees.*** Break-up or topping fees with respect to the Funds' investments can be paid to the PE Advisers, in which case management fees will be offset by the amount of break-up or topping fees attributable to a potential investment by the Funds, but not to any amount attributable to a potential investment by Other Blackstone Clients, Blackstone's side-by-side co-investment vehicles, permanent capital vehicles and/or accounts including Fidelity and Guaranty Life Insurance Company managed by affiliates of Blackstone and related entities or third parties. (See "—Other Blackstone Business Activities" herein.) Alternatively, the Funds could receive the break-up or topping fees directly, in which case there will be no management fee offset. Break-up or topping fees paid to the PE Advisers or the Funds in connection with a transaction could be allocated, or not, to Other Blackstone Clients or co-investment vehicles that invest (or are expected to invest) alongside the Funds, as determined by the PE Advisers to be appropriate in the circumstances. Generally, the PE Advisers would not allocate break-up or topping fees with respect to a potential investment to the Funds, an Other Blackstone Client or co-investment vehicle unless such person would also share in broken deal expenses related to the potential investment. With respect to fees received by Blackstone relating to the Funds' investments or from unconsummated transactions, Fund investors will not receive the benefit of any fees relating to the Funds' investments (including, without limitation, as described above) other than as set forth in the Organizational Documents. Any fees that result in an offset of the management fee only apply to the extent it is made as part of the Funds' investment in such company. Also, in the case of fees for services as a director of a Portfolio Entity, the management fee will not be reduced or offset to the extent any Blackstone personnel continues to serve as a director after the Funds have exited (or is in the process of exiting) the applicable Portfolio Entity and/or following the termination of such employee's employment with Blackstone. For the avoidance of doubt, although the financial advisory and restructuring business of Blackstone has been spun out, to the extent any investment banking fees, consulting (including management consulting) fees, syndication fees, capital markets syndication and advisory fees (including underwriting fees), origination fees, servicing fees, healthcare consulting / brokerage fees, fees relating to group

purchasing, financial advisory fees and similar fees for arranging acquisitions and other major financial restructurings, loan servicing and/or other types of insurance fees, operations fees, financing fees, fees for asset services, title insurance fees, and other similar fees and annual retainers (whether in cash or in kind) are received by Blackstone, such fees will not be required to be shared with the Funds or the Fund investors and will not result in any offset to the management fee payable by the Fund investors.

In connection with certain investments in certain jurisdictions, a Fund may contribute capital contributions made by limited partners of such Fund for the payment of management fees to a holding vehicle formed in connection with such investment to enable such holding vehicle to pay management fees to an affiliate of the PE Adviser. To the extent a Fund makes such contributions to any such holding vehicle, such Fund will be credited with such amounts as if they had been paid by such Fund to the PE Adviser under the Organizational Documents (and such amounts paid to an affiliate of the PE Adviser by such holding vehicle will not, for greater certainty, constitute an additional fee that would offset the management fee, as such amounts do not result in an increase in the total amount of management fee paid to the PE Adviser and its affiliates had the Funds paid the entirety of the management fee to the PE Adviser).

***Broken Deal Expenses.*** The PE Advisers are not required to and in most circumstances will not seek reimbursement of broken deal expenses (*i.e.*, expenses incurred in pursuit of an investment that is not consummated) from third parties, including counterparties to the potential transaction or potential co-investors. Examples of such broken deal expenses include, but are not limited to, reverse termination fees, extraordinary expenses such as litigation costs and judgments, travel and entertainment expenses incurred, costs of negotiating co-investment documentation, and legal, accounting, tax and other due diligence and pursuit costs and expenses. Any such broken deal expenses could, in the sole discretion of the PE Advisers, be allocated solely to the applicable Funds and not to Other Blackstone Clients or co-investment vehicles that could have made the investment, even when the Other Blackstone Client or co-investment vehicle commonly invests alongside the Funds in its investments or Blackstone or Other Blackstone Clients in their investments. In such cases the Funds' share of expenses would increase. In the event broken deal expenses are allocated to an Other Blackstone Client or a co-investment vehicle, the PE Advisers or the Funds may advance such fees and expenses without charging interest until paid by the Other Blackstone Client or co-investment vehicle, as applicable.

***Other Blackstone Business Activities.*** Blackstone, Other Blackstone Clients, their Portfolio Entities, and personnel and related parties of the foregoing will receive fees and compensation, including performance-based and other incentive fees, for products and services provided to the Funds and their Portfolio Entities, such as fees for asset and property management; underwriting, syndication or refinancing of a loan or investment; loan servicing; special servicing; administrative services; advisory services on purchase or sale of an asset or company; investment banking services; placement agent services; fund administration; internal legal and tax planning services; information technology products and services; and other products and services. Such parties will also provide products and services for fees to Blackstone, Other

Blackstone Clients and their Portfolio Entities, and their personnel and related parties, as well as third parties. Through its Innovations group, Blackstone incubates businesses that can be expected to provide goods and services to the Funds and Other Blackstone Clients and their Portfolio Entities, as well as other Blackstone related parties and third parties. By contracting for a product or service from a business related to Blackstone, the Funds and their Portfolio Entities would provide not only current income to the business and its stakeholders, but could also create significant enterprise value in them, which would not be shared with the Funds or Fund investors and could benefit Blackstone directly and indirectly. Also, Blackstone, Other Blackstone Clients and their Portfolio Entities, and their personnel and related parties may receive compensation or other benefits, such as through additional ownership interests or otherwise, directly related to the consumption of products and services by the Funds and their Portfolio Entities. The Funds and their Portfolio Entities will incur expense in negotiating for any such fees and services, which will be treated as partnership expenses.

The Funds will, as determined by the PE Advisers and as permitted by the Organizational Documents, bear the cost of fund administration, in house legal, tax planning and other related services provided by Blackstone personnel and related parties to the Funds and their Portfolio Entities, including the allocation of their compensation and related overhead otherwise payable by Blackstone, or pay for their services at market rates. Such allocations or charges can be based on any of the following methodologies: (i) requiring personnel to periodically record or allocate their historical time spent with respect to the Funds or Blackstone approximating the proportion of certain personnel's time spent with respect to the Funds, and in each case allocating their compensation and allocable overhead based on time spent, or charging their time spent at market rates, (ii) the assessment of an overall dollar amount (based on a fixed fee or percentage of assets under management) that Blackstone believes represents a fair recoupment of expenses and a market rate for such services or (iii) any other similar methodology determined by Blackstone to be appropriate under the circumstances. Certain Blackstone personnel will provide services to few, or only one, of the Funds and Other Blackstone Clients, in which case Blackstone could rely upon rough approximations of time spent by the employee for purposes of allocating the salary and overhead of the person if the market rate for services is clearly higher than allocable salary and overhead. However, any methodology (including the choice thereof) involves inherent conflicts and may result in incurrence of greater expenses by the Funds and their Portfolio Entities than would be the case if such services were provided by third parties.

The PE Advisers, Other Blackstone Clients and their Portfolio Entities, and their affiliates, personnel and related parties could continue to receive fees, including performance-based or incentive fees, for the services described in the preceding paragraphs with respect to investments sold by the Funds or a Portfolio Entity to a third party buyer after the sale is consummated. Such post-disposition involvement will give rise to potential or actual conflicts of interest, particularly in the sale process. Moreover, the PE Advisers, Other Blackstone Clients and their Portfolio Entities, and their affiliates, personnel and related parties may acquire a

stake in the relevant asset as part of the overall service relationship, at the time of the sale or thereafter.

The PE Advisers do not have any obligation to ensure that fees for products and services contracted by the Funds or their Portfolio Entities are at market rates unless the counterparty is considered an “Affiliate” of Blackstone, as defined in the Organizational Documents, and given the breadth of Blackstone’s investments and activities the PE Advisers may not be aware of every commercial arrangement between the Funds and their Portfolio Entities, on the one hand, and Blackstone, Other Blackstone Clients and their Portfolio Entities, and personnel and related parties of the foregoing, on the other hand.

Except as set forth above, the Funds and Fund investors will not receive the benefit (*e.g.*, through an offset to the management fee or otherwise) of any fees or other compensation or benefit received by the PE Advisers or their personnel and related parties (see also “—Service Providers, Vendors and Other Counterparties Generally” and “—Other Blackstone Business Activities” herein). The PE Advisers and their personnel and related parties will receive fees attributable to Other Blackstone Clients (including co-investment vehicles) and third parties and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the amount of such fees allocable to Other Blackstone Clients (including co-investment vehicles, permanent capital vehicles, accounts and/or third parties) will not result in an offset of the management fees payable by Fund investors or otherwise be shared with the Funds, their Portfolio Entities or the Fund investors, even if (i) such Other Blackstone Clients (including co-investment vehicles) provide for lower or no management fees for the investors or participants therein (such as the vehicles established in connection with Blackstone’s side-by-side co-investment rights, which generally do not pay a management fee or carried interest) or (ii) such fees result in an offset to management fees or carried interest payable by any of such Other Blackstone Clients (including co-investment vehicles). As noted in “Co-Investment Opportunities” above, this creates an incentive for Blackstone to offer co-investment opportunities and may result in other fees being received more frequently (or exclusively) with investments that involve co-investment.

***Securities and Lending Activities.*** Blackstone, its affiliates and their related parties and personnel participate in underwriting and lending syndicates and otherwise act as arrangers of financing, including with respect to the public offering and private placement of debt or equity securities issued by, and loan proceeds borrowed by, the Funds and their Portfolio Entities. Underwritings and financings can be on a firm commitment basis or on an uncommitted, or “best efforts,” basis, and the underwriting or financing parties are under no duty to provide any commitment unless specifically set forth in the relevant contract. Blackstone may also provide placement or other similar services to purchasers or sellers of securities, including loans or instruments issued by Portfolio Entities. A Blackstone broker-dealer will from time to time act as the managing underwriter, a member of the underwriting syndicate or broker for the Funds or their Portfolio Entities, or as dealer, broker or advisor to a counterparty to the Funds or a Portfolio Entity, and purchase securities from or sell securities to the Funds, Other Blackstone Clients or Portfolio Entities of the Funds or Other Blackstone Clients. Blackstone will also from time to time, on behalf of the Funds or their Portfolio Entities, or other parties to a transaction

involving the Funds or their Portfolio Entities, effect transactions, including transactions in the secondary markets, that result in commissions or other compensation paid to Blackstone by the Funds or their Portfolio Entities or the counterparty to the transaction, thereby creating a potential conflict of interest. This could include, by way of example, fees and/or commissions for equity syndications to co-investment vehicles. Subject to applicable law, Blackstone will from time to time receive underwriting fees, discounts, placement commissions, loan modification or restructuring fees, servicing fees, capital markets advisory fees, lending arrangement fees, asset/property management fees, insurance (including title insurance) fees and consulting fees, monitoring fees, commitment fees, syndication fees, origination fees, organizational fees, operational fees, loan servicing fees, and financing and divestment fees (or, in each case, rebates in lieu of any such fees, whether in the form of purchase price discounts or otherwise, even in cases where Blackstone, an Other Blackstone Client or their Portfolio Entities are purchasing debt) or other compensation with respect to the foregoing activities, which are not required to be shared with the Funds or the Fund investors, and the management fee with respect to a Fund investor generally will not be reduced by such amounts. The PE Advisers have sole discretion to approve the foregoing arrangements if the PE Advisers believe in good faith that such transactions are appropriate for the Funds.

Sales of securities for the account of the Funds and their Portfolio Entities will from time to time be bunched or aggregated with orders for other accounts of Blackstone including Other Blackstone Clients. It could be impossible, as determined by the PE Advisers in their sole discretion, to receive the same price or execution on the entire volume of securities sold, and the various prices may therefore be averaged which may be disadvantageous to the Funds.

When Blackstone serves as underwriter with respect to securities of the Funds or their Portfolio Entities, the Funds and such Portfolio Entities could be subject to a “lock-up” period following the offering under applicable regulations during which time the Funds or their Portfolio Entity would be unable to sell any securities subject to the “lock-up.” This may prejudice the ability of the Funds and their Portfolio Entities to dispose of such securities at an opportune time. (See also “—Related Financing Counterparties” and “—Portfolio Entity Relationships Generally” herein.)

Blackstone employees, including employees of the PE Advisers, are generally permitted to invest in alternative investment funds, real estate funds, hedge funds or other investment vehicles, including potential competitors of the Funds. The limited partners will not receive any benefit from any such investments.

**PJT.** On October 1, 2015, Blackstone spun off its financial and strategic advisory services, restructuring and reorganization advisory services, and its Park Hill fund placement businesses and combined these businesses with PJT Partners Inc. (“PJT”), an independent financial advisory firm founded by Paul J. Taubman. While the combined business operates independently from Blackstone and is not an affiliate thereof, it is expected that there will be substantial overlapping ownership between Blackstone and PJT for a considerable period of time going forward. Therefore, conflicts of interest will arise in connection with transactions between or

involving the Funds and their Portfolio Entities, on the one hand, and PJT, on the other. The pre-existing relationship between Blackstone and its former personnel involved in financial and strategic advisory services at PJT, the overlapping ownership and co-investment and other continuing arrangements between PJT and Blackstone may influence the PE Advisers to select or recommend PJT to perform services for the Funds or their Portfolio Entities, the cost of which will generally be borne directly or indirectly by the Funds and Fund investors. Given that PJT is no longer an affiliate of Blackstone, the PE Advisers will be free to cause the Funds and Portfolio Entities to transact with PJT generally without restriction under the Organizational Documents, notwithstanding the relationship between Blackstone and PJT (See also “—Service Providers, Vendors and Other Counterparties Generally” herein.)

***Portfolio Entity Relationships Generally.*** Portfolio Entities of the Funds and Other Blackstone Clients are and will be counterparties in agreements, transactions and other arrangements with the Funds, Other Blackstone Clients, and Portfolio Entities of the Funds and Other Blackstone Clients for the provision of goods and services, purchase and sale of assets and other matters. These agreements, transactions and other arrangements will involve payment of fees and other amounts and/or other benefits to Blackstone, a Blackstone affiliate and/or a Portfolio Entity, none of which will result in any offset to the management fees, notwithstanding that some of the services provided by a Portfolio Entity are similar in nature to the services provided by the PE Advisers. Such agreements, transactions and other arrangements will generally be entered into without the consent or direct involvement of any such Fund and/or such Other Blackstone Client or the consent of any L.P. Advisory Committee, Independent Client Representative (if any), Fund investors or such Other Blackstone Client (including, without limitation, in the case of minority investments by the Funds in such Portfolio Entities or the sale of assets from one Portfolio Entity to another). This is because, among other considerations, Portfolio Entities of the Funds and Portfolio Entities of Other Blackstone Clients are not considered affiliates of Blackstone, the Funds or the PE Advisers under the Organizational Documents. There can be no assurance that the terms of any such agreement, transaction or other arrangement will be as favorable to such Fund as otherwise would be the case if the counterparty were not related to Blackstone.

In addition, it is possible that certain Portfolio Entities of the Funds or Other Blackstone Clients will compete with the Funds for one or more investment opportunities. It is also possible that certain Portfolio Entities of the Other Blackstone Clients will engage in activities that may have adverse consequences on the Funds and/or their Portfolio Entities (including, by way of example only, as a result of laws and regulations of certain jurisdictions (*e.g.*, bankruptcy, environmental, consumer protection and/or labor laws) that may not recognize the segregation of assets and liabilities as between separate entities and may permit recourse against the assets of not just the entity that has incurred the liabilities, but also the other entities that are under common control with, or part of the same economic group as, such entity, which may result in the assets of the Funds and/or their Portfolio Entities being used to satisfy the obligations or liabilities of one or more Other Blackstone Clients, their Portfolio Entities and/or affiliates).

***Portfolio Entity Service Providers and Vendors.*** The Funds and their Portfolio Entities may engage Portfolio Entities of the Funds and Other Blackstone Clients to provide corporate support services (including, without limitation, accounting/audit, account management, corporate secretarial services, data management, directorship services, finance/budget, human resources, information technology, judicial processes, legal, operational coordination (*i.e.*, coordination with JV partners, property managers), risk management, tax and treasury) and other services. Similarly, Other Blackstone Clients and their Portfolio Entities can be expected to engage Portfolio Entities of the Funds to provide some or all of these services.

Portfolio Entities of the Funds and Other Blackstone Clients that can be expected to provide services to the Funds and their Portfolio Entities include, without limitation, the following, and may include additional Portfolio Entities that may be formed or acquired in the future:

*BTIG.* In December 2016, certain Blackstone funds made a strategic minority investment in BTIG, LLC (“BTIG”). BTIG is a global financial services firm which provides institutional trading, investment banking, research and related brokerage services and may provide goods and services for the Funds or the Portfolio Entities of the Funds.

*Optiv.* Optiv is a portfolio company held by certain Blackstone private equity funds that provides a full slate of information security services and solutions and may provide goods and services for the Funds and their Portfolio Entities.

*Refinitiv.* The Funds have historically used various pricing services, including Thompson Reuters. On October 1, 2018, a consortium led by Blackstone announced that private equity funds managed by Blackstone (including certain of the Funds) had completed an acquisition of Thomson Reuters’ Financial & Risk business (“Refinitiv”). As of the closing date of the transaction, the Blackstone-led consortium owned a 55 percent equity stake in Refinitiv. Refinitiv operates a pricing service that provides valuation services to the mutual fund industry and the Funds. The pricing information provided by Refinitiv to the Funds is substantially the same as the pricing information provided by Refinitiv to all other customers.

The Funds and their Portfolio Entities will compensate one or more of these service providers and vendors owned by the Funds or Other Blackstone Clients, including through incentive based compensation payable to their management teams and other related parties. Some of these service providers and vendors owned by the Funds or Other Blackstone Clients will charge the Funds and their Portfolio Entities for goods and services at rates generally consistent with those available in the market for similar goods and services. The discussion regarding the determination of market rates under “—Blackstone Affiliated Service Providers” herein applies equally in respect of the fees and expenses of the Portfolio Entity service providers, if charged at rates generally consistent with those available in the market. Other service providers and vendors owned by the Funds or Other Blackstone Clients pass through expenses on a cost reimbursement, no-profit or break-even basis, in which case the service provider allocates costs and expenses directly associated with work performed for the benefit of the Funds and their

Portfolio Entities to them, along with any related tax costs and an allocation of the service provider's overhead, including any of the following: salaries, wages, benefits and travel expenses; marketing and advertising fees and expenses; legal, accounting and other professional fees and disbursements; office space and equipment; insurance premiums; technology expenditures, including hardware and software costs; costs to engage recruitment firms to hire employees; diligence expenses; one-time costs, including costs related to building-out and winding-down a Portfolio Entity; taxes; and other operating and capital expenditures. Any of the foregoing costs, although allocated in a particular period, may relate to activities occurring outside the period, and therefore the Funds could pay more than its pro rata portion of fees for services. The allocation of overhead among the entities and assets to which services are provided may be based on any of a number of different methodologies, including, without limitation, "cost" basis as described above, "time-allocation" basis, "per unit" basis, "per square footage" basis or "fixed percentage" basis. There can be no assurance that a different manner of allocation would result in the Funds and their Portfolio Entities bearing less or more costs and expenses. Furthermore, Blackstone will generally not perform or obtain any benchmarking analysis or third party verification of expenses with respect to services provided on a cost reimbursement, no profit or break even basis. If benchmarking is performed, the related expenses will be borne by the Funds, Other Blackstone Clients and their respective Portfolio Entities and will not offset the management fee. A Portfolio Entity service provider may subcontract certain of its responsibilities to other Portfolio Entities. In such circumstances, the relevant subcontractor could invoice the Portfolio Entity for fees (or in the case of a cost reimbursement arrangement, for allocable costs and expenses) in respect of the services provided by the subcontractor. The Portfolio Entity, if charging on a cost reimbursement, no-profit or break-even basis, would in turn allocate those costs and expenses as it allocates other fees and expenses as described above. Similarly, Other Blackstone Clients and their Portfolio Entities can be expected to engage Portfolio Entities of the Funds to provide services, and these Portfolio Entities will generally charge for services in the same manner described above, but the Funds and their Portfolio Entities generally will not be reimbursed for any costs (such as start-up costs) relating to such Portfolio Entities incurred prior to such engagement.

Portfolio Entity service providers described in this section are generally owned by a Blackstone fund, such as the Funds and Other Blackstone Clients. In certain instances a similar company could be owned by Blackstone directly. Blackstone could cause a transfer of ownership of one of these service providers from the Funds to an Other Blackstone Client, or from an Other Blackstone Client to the Funds.

***Service Providers, Vendors and Other Counterparties Generally.*** Certain third party advisors and other service providers and vendors to the Funds and their Portfolio Entities (including accountants, administrators, lenders, bankers, brokers, attorneys, consultants, title agents and investment or commercial banking firms) are owned by Blackstone, the Funds or Other Blackstone Clients or provide goods or services to, or have other business, personal, financial or other relationships with, Blackstone, the Funds, the Other Blackstone Clients and their respective Portfolio Entities and affiliates and personnel of the foregoing. Such advisors and

service providers referred to above may be investors in the Funds, affiliates of the General Partner, sources of financing and investment opportunities or co-investors or commercial counterparties or entities in which Blackstone, the Funds and/or Other Blackstone Clients have an investment, and payments by the Funds and/or such entities may indirectly benefit Blackstone, the Funds, the Other Blackstone Clients and their respective Portfolio Entities or any affiliates or personnel of the foregoing. Also, advisors, lenders, investors, commercial counterparties, vendors and service providers (including any of their affiliates or personnel) to the Funds and their Portfolio Entities could have other commercial or personal relationships with Blackstone, Other Blackstone Clients and their respective Portfolio Entities, or any affiliates, personnel or family members of personnel of the foregoing. Although Blackstone selects service providers and vendors it believes are most appropriate in the circumstances based on its knowledge of such service providers and vendors (which knowledge is generally greater in the case of service providers and vendors that have other relationships to Blackstone), the relationship of service providers and vendors to Blackstone as described above will influence Blackstone in deciding whether to select, recommend or form such an advisor or service provider to perform services for the Funds or a Portfolio Entity, the cost of which will generally be borne directly or indirectly by the Funds and may incentivize Blackstone to engage such service provider over a third party, utilize the services of such service providers and vendors more frequently than would be the case absent the conflict, or to pay such service providers and vendors higher fees or commissions than would be the case absent the conflict. The incentive could be created by current income and/or the generation of enterprise value in a service provider or vendor; Blackstone may also have an incentive to invest in or create service providers and vendors to realize on these opportunities. Furthermore, Blackstone will from time to time encourage third party service providers to Funds to use other service providers and vendors in which Blackstone has an interest, and Blackstone has an incentive to use third party services providers who do so as a result of the additional business for the related service providers and vendors. Fees paid by the Funds or their Portfolio Entities to or value created in these service providers and vendors do not offset or reduce the management fee payable by the Fund investors and are not otherwise shared with the Funds unless required by the Organizational Documents. In the case of brokers, Blackstone has a best execution policy that it updates from time to time to comply with regulatory requirements in applicable jurisdictions.

Blackstone has a general practice of not entering into any arrangements with advisors, vendors or service providers that provide lower rates or discounts to Blackstone itself compared to those available to the Funds and their Portfolio Entities for the same services. However, legal fees for unconsummated transactions are often charged at a discount rate, such that if the Funds and their Portfolio Entities consummate a higher percentage of transactions with a particular law firm than Blackstone, the Funds, Other Blackstone Clients and their Portfolio Entities, the Fund investors could indirectly pay a higher net effective rate for the services of that law firm than Blackstone, the Funds or Other Blackstone Clients or their Portfolio Entities. Also, advisors, vendors and service providers often charge different rates or have different arrangements for different types of services. For example, advisors, vendors and service providers often charge fees based on the complexity of the matter as well as the expertise and

time required to handle it. Therefore, to the extent the types of services used by the Funds and their Portfolio Entities are different from those used by Blackstone, Other Blackstone Clients and their Portfolio Entities, and their affiliates and personnel, the Funds and their Portfolio Entities may pay different amounts or rates than those paid by such other persons. Similarly, Blackstone, the Funds, the Other Blackstone Clients and their Portfolio Entities and affiliates may enter into agreements or other arrangements with vendors and other similar counterparties (whether such counterparties are affiliated or unaffiliated with Blackstone) from time to time whereby such counterparty may charge lower rates or provide discounts or rebates for such counterparty's products or services depending on the volume of transactions in the aggregate or other factors.

The Funds, Other Blackstone Clients and their Portfolio Entities are expected to enter into joint ventures with third parties to which the service providers and vendors described above will provide services. In some of these cases, the third party joint venture partner may negotiate to not pay its pro rata share of fees, costs and expenses to be allocated as described above, in which case the Funds, Other Blackstone Clients and their Portfolio Entities that also use the services of the Portfolio Entity service provider will, directly or indirectly, pay the difference, or the Portfolio Entity service provider will bear a loss equal to the difference.

Blackstone may, from time to time, encourage service providers to funds and investments to use, at market rates and/or on arm's length terms, Blackstone-affiliated service providers in connection with the business of the Funds, Portfolio Entities, and unaffiliated entities. This practice provides an indirect benefit to Blackstone in the form of added business for Blackstone-affiliated service providers.

Certain Portfolio Entities that provide services to the Funds, Other Blackstone Clients and/or portfolio companies or assets of the Funds and/or Other Blackstone Clients may be transferred between and among the Funds and/or Other Blackstone Clients (where the Funds may be a seller or a buyer in any such transfer) for minimal or no consideration (based on a third party valuation confirming the same) and without the approval of the L.P. Advisory Committee, Independent Client Representative (if any) and/or the limited partners (or Independent Client Representative (if any)) of the Funds. Such transfers may give rise to actual or potential conflicts of interest for the PE Advisers.

***Blackstone Affiliated Service Providers.*** In addition to the service providers (including Portfolio Entity service providers) and vendors described above, the Funds and their Portfolio Entities will engage in transactions with one or more businesses that are owned or controlled by Blackstone directly, not through one of its funds, including the businesses described below. These businesses may also enter into transactions with other counterparties of the Funds and their Portfolio Entities, as well as service providers, vendors and Fund investors. Blackstone could benefit from these transactions and activities through current income and creation of enterprise value in these businesses. No fees charged by these service providers and vendors will offset or reduce management fees, unless otherwise required by the Organizational Documents. Furthermore, Blackstone, the Other Blackstone Clients and their Portfolio Entities

and their affiliates and related parties will use the services of these Blackstone affiliates, including at different rates. Although Blackstone believes the services provided by its affiliates are equal or better than those of third parties, Blackstone directly benefits from the engagement of these affiliates, and there is therefore an inherent conflict of interest.

Blackstone affiliated service providers and vendors, include, without limitation:

- *BCP / BTO Management.* BCP / BTO Management ("BCP / BTO Management") is a Luxembourg-based company established in 2012 to centralize various resources supporting the maintenance and day-to-day management and administration of certain Luxembourg holding companies controlled by certain of the Funds and Other Blackstone Clients. BCP / BTO Management is entirely owned by certain Funds and Other Blackstone Clients. In certain cases, the funds which use BCP / BTO Management's services may contribute capital to fund the costs of BCP / BTO Management. Key service functions provided by BCP / BTO Management include domiciliation, accounting, regulatory and tax reporting and compliance. All costs associated with BCP / BTO Management's services and operations (including any BCP / BTO Management employee compensation and other general overhead) will be ultimately borne by the Funds and Other Blackstone Clients that own or use BCP / BTO Management. These shared costs are intended to be allocated and charged on a cost sharing basis to the individual fund related entities utilizing the services of BCP / BTO Management based on the type and level of services provided and may include a mark-up, though BCP / BTO Management is generally intended to operate on a nominal profit basis. The General Partners endeavor to allocate fees and expenses associated with BCP / BTO Management fairly and equitably, which allocation involves certain methodologies based on actual data pertaining to the services provided. The General Partners believe that these methodologies result in a fair and equitable allocation of expenses. To the extent ownership of BCP / BTO Management is transferred between the Funds and Other Blackstone Clients, such transfer will generally be consummated for minimal or no consideration, and without obtaining any consent from any L.P. Advisory Committee, Independent Client Representative (if any) and/or the limited partners (or of the Funds or Independent Client Representatives (if any)).
- *BPM.* Blackstone Property Management is a Blackstone affiliate that provides property management, leasing oversight, corporate services (including accounting and reporting), development and construction management, and transaction support services to certain of the Funds' investment properties primarily located in the United Kingdom and continental Europe.
- *COE.* The Blackstone Center of Excellence, located in Gurgaon, India (the "COE") is a captive center of resources administered by ThoughtFocus Technologies LLC, an independent firm in which Blackstone holds a minority position and participates as a member of the board. The COE is expected to perform services for both Blackstone and the Funds which may have historically been performed by Blackstone personnel, such as Funds administrative services, data collection and management services, and

technology implementation and support services, some of which will be paid for by the Funds.

- *Aquicore*. Aquicore is a cloud-based platform that tracks, analyzes and predicts key metrics in real estate focused on the reduction of energy consumption. Blackstone holds a minority investment in Aquicore.
- *Equity Healthcare*. Equity Healthcare LLC ("Equity Healthcare") is a Blackstone affiliate that negotiates with providers of standard administrative services and insurance carriers for health benefit plans and other related services for cost discounts, quality of service monitoring, data services and clinical consulting. Because of the combined purchasing power of its client participants, which include unaffiliated third parties, Equity Healthcare is able to negotiate pricing terms that are believed to be more favorable than those that the Portfolio Entities could obtain on an individual basis.
- *LNLS*. Blackstone wholly owns a leading national title agency, Lexington National Land Services ("LNLS"), a title agent company. LNLS acts as an agent for one or more underwriters in issuing title policies and/or providing support services in connection with investments by the Funds, Other Blackstone Clients and third parties. LNLS focuses on transactions in rate-regulated U.S. states where the cost of title insurance is non-negotiable. LNLS will not perform services in nonregulated U.S. states for the Funds and Other Blackstone Clients unless (i) in the context of a portfolio transaction that includes assets in rate regulated U.S. states, (ii) as part of a syndicate of title insurance companies where the rate is negotiated by other insurers or their agents, (iii) when a third party is paying all or a material portion of the premium or (iv) when providing only support services to the underwriter and not negotiating the title policy or issuing it to the insured. LNLS earns fees, which would have otherwise been paid to third parties, by providing title agency services and facilitating the placement of title insurance with underwriters. Blackstone receives distributions from LNLS in connection with investments by the Funds based on its equity interest in LNLS. In each case, there will be no related offset to the Funds. As a result, while Blackstone believes that venture will provide services at or better than those provided by third parties (even in jurisdictions where insurance rates are regulated), there is an inherent conflict of interest that would incentivize Blackstone to engage LNLS over a third party.

The Funds could acquire from or sell to Blackstone a service provider as an investment of the Funds or participate alongside Blackstone in the acquisition of a service provider. Blackstone is expected to establish a valuation methodology in relation to any such acquisition by the Funds of a service provider. In addition, before entering into any transaction with respect to any such service provider, it is anticipated that Blackstone will obtain any consents that may be required under the U.S. Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended from time to time (the "Advisers Act") or other applicable laws or regulations.

Certain Blackstone-affiliated service providers and their respective personnel will receive a management promote, an incentive fee and other performance-based compensation in respect of investments of the Funds, sales or other transaction volume. Furthermore, Blackstone-

affiliated service providers may charge costs and expenses based on allocable overhead associated with personnel working on relevant matters (including salaries, benefits and other similar expenses).

Blackstone will make determinations of market rates (*i.e.*, rates that fall within a range that Blackstone has determined is reflective of rates in the applicable market and certain similar markets, though not necessarily equal to or lower than the median rate of comparable firms) based on its consideration of a number of factors, which are generally expected to include Blackstone's experience with non-affiliated service providers as well as benchmarking data and other methodologies determined by Blackstone to be appropriate under the circumstances. In respect of benchmarking, while Blackstone often obtains benchmarking data regarding the rates charged or quoted by third parties for services similar to those provided by Blackstone affiliates in the applicable market or certain similar markets, relevant comparisons may not be available for a number of reasons, including, without limitation, as a result of a lack of a substantial market of providers or users of such services or the confidential or bespoke nature of such services (*e.g.*, different assets may receive different services). In addition, benchmarking data is based on general market and broad industry overviews, rather than determined on an asset by asset basis. As a result, benchmarking data does not take into account the particular characteristics of services provided. For these reasons, such market comparisons may not result in precise market terms for comparable services. Expenses to obtain benchmarking data will be borne by the Funds, Other Blackstone Clients and their respective Portfolio Entities and will not offset the management fee with respect to such Fund. Finally, in certain circumstances Blackstone may determine that third party benchmarking is unnecessary, either because the price for a particular good or service is mandated by law (*e.g.*, title insurance in rate regulated U.S. states) or because Blackstone has access to adequate market data to make the determination without reference to third party benchmarking. Some of the services performed by Blackstone-affiliated service providers could also be performed by Blackstone from time to time and vice versa. Fees paid by a Fund or its Portfolio Entities to Blackstone-affiliated service providers do not offset or reduce the management fee payable by the limited partners of such Fund and are not otherwise shared with such Fund, unless otherwise required by the Organizational Documents.

In addition, Blackstone's Treasury group currently provides foreign currency exchange ("FX") services to the Funds and Other Blackstone Clients for FX trades under a certain threshold. Based on its current practices (which are subject to change in the future), at the request of the Funds or an Other Blackstone Client, the Blackstone Treasury group will exchange foreign currencies from Blackstone's own account on behalf of the Funds or such Other Blackstone Client based on the end of day mid-market rate published by Bloomberg on the immediately preceding business day, and does not currently charge any fees for providing such service (apart from the same market-rate bank/wire fees the Funds or such Other Blackstone Client would incur on any FX payment or receipt regardless of counterparty).

Some of the services performed by Blackstone-affiliated service providers could also be performed by Blackstone from time to time and vice versa. Fees paid by the Funds or their

Portfolio Entities to or value created in Blackstone-affiliated service providers or vendors do not offset or reduce the management fee payable by the Fund investors are not otherwise shared with the Fund, unless otherwise required by the Organizational Documents.

***Transactions with Portfolio Entities.*** Blackstone and Portfolio Entities of the Funds and Other Blackstone Clients provide products and services to or otherwise contract with the Funds and their Portfolio Entities, among others. Blackstone, the Funds and Other Blackstone Clients and their respective Portfolio Entities and personnel and related parties of the foregoing may make referrals or introductions to Portfolio Entities of the Funds or Other Blackstone Clients in an effort, in part, to increase the customer base of such companies or businesses (and therefore the value of the investment held by the Funds or Other Blackstone Client) or because such referrals or introductions may result in financial benefits, such as additional equity ownership and/or milestones benefitting the referring or introducing party that are tied or related to participation by the Portfolio Entities of the Funds and/or of Other Blackstone Clients, accruing to the party making the introduction. The Funds and the Fund investors typically will not share in any fees, economics, equity or other benefits accruing to Blackstone, Other Blackstone Clients and their Portfolio Entities as a result of the introduction of the Funds and their Portfolio Entities. There may, however, be instances in which the applicable arrangements provide that the Funds or their Portfolio Entities share in some or all of any resulting financial incentives (including, in some cases, equity ownership) based on structures and allocation methodologies determined in the sole discretion of Blackstone. Conversely, where the Funds or one of their Portfolio Entities is the referring or introducing party, rather than receiving all of the financial incentives (including, in some cases, additional equity ownership) for similar types of referrals and/or introductions, such financial incentives (including, in some cases, equity ownership) may be similarly shared with the participating Other Blackstone Clients or their respective Portfolio Entities.

With respect to transactions or agreements with Portfolio Entities (including, for the avoidance of doubt, long-term incentive plans) occurring at times when unrelated officers of a Portfolio Entity are not appointed, Blackstone may negotiate and execute agreements on behalf of the Portfolio Entity with Blackstone, the Funds, Other Blackstone Clients and their Portfolio Entities and affiliates and other related parties. These negotiations would not be arm's length and would entail conflicts of interest. Among the measures Blackstone may use to mitigate such conflicts is to involve outside counsel to review and advise on such agreements and provide insights into commercially reasonable terms, or establish separate groups with information barriers within Blackstone to advise on each side of the negotiation.

***Related Party Leasing.*** The Funds and their Portfolio Entities may lease property to or from Blackstone, Other Blackstone Clients and their Portfolio Entities and affiliates and other related parties. The leases are generally expected to be at market rates. Blackstone may confirm market rates by reference to other leases it is aware of in the market, which Blackstone expects to be generally indicative of market given the scale of Blackstone's real estate business. Blackstone will nonetheless have conflicts of interest in making these determinations. There can be no assurance that the Funds and their Portfolio Entities will lease to or from any such

related parties on terms as favorable to the Funds and their Portfolio Entities as would apply if the counterparties were unrelated.

**Cross-Guarantees and Cross-Collateralization.** Although the PE Advisers will make reasonable efforts to avoid any cross-guarantees or similar obligations between the Funds and Other Blackstone Clients that participate in investments alongside the Funds (other than parallel funds and alternative investment vehicles), in certain circumstances the Funds and their Portfolio Entities may enter into cross-collateralization arrangements with Other Blackstone Clients (including co-investment vehicles) and their Portfolio Entities, particularly in circumstances in which better financing terms are available through a cross-collateralized arrangement. Also, it is expected that cross-collateralization will generally occur at Portfolio Entities rather than the Funds for obligations that are not recourse to the Funds except in limited circumstances such as “bad boy” events. Any cross-collateralization arrangements with Other Blackstone Clients could result in the Funds losing their interests in otherwise performing investments of the Funds due to poorly performing or non-performing investments of Other Blackstone Clients in the collateral pool. (See also “—Liability Arising From Transactions Entered into Alongside Other Blackstone Clients” herein.)

Similarly, a lender could require that it face only one Portfolio Entity of the Funds and Other Blackstone Clients, even though multiple Portfolio Entities of the Funds and Other Blackstone Clients benefit from the lending, which will typically result in (i) the Portfolio Entity facing the lender being solely liable with respect to the entire obligation, and therefore being required to contribute amounts in respect of the shortfall attributable to other Portfolio Entities, and (ii) Portfolio Entities of the Funds and Other Blackstone Clients being jointly and severally liable for the full amount of the obligation, liable on a cross-collateralized basis or liable for an equity cushion (which cushion amount may vary depending upon the type of financing or refinancing (*e.g.*, cushions for refinancings may be smaller)). The Portfolio Entities of the Funds and Other Blackstone Clients benefiting from a financing may enter into a back-to-back or other similar reimbursement agreements to ensure no Portfolio Entity bears more than its *pro rata* portion of the debt and related obligations. It is not expected that the Portfolio Entities would be compensated (or provide compensation to other Portfolio Entities) for being primarily liable, or jointly liable, for other Portfolio Entities *pro rata* share of any financing.

**Joint Venture Partners.** The Funds have and will from time to time enter into one or more joint venture arrangements with third party joint venture partners. Investments of the Funds made with joint venture partners will often involve performance-based compensation and other fees payable to such joint venture partners, as determined by the PE Advisers in their sole discretion. The joint venture partners could provide services similar to those provided by the PE Advisers to the Funds. Yet, no compensation or fees paid to the joint venture partners would reduce or offset management fees or carried interest payable to the PE Advisers. Additional conflicts would arise if a joint venture partner is related to Blackstone in any way, such as a limited partner investor in, lender to, a shareholder of, or a service provider to Blackstone, the Funds, Other Blackstone Clients, or their respective Portfolio Entities, or any affiliate, personnel, officer or agent of any of the foregoing.

**Group Procurement; Discounts.** The Funds and their Portfolio Entities will enter into agreements regarding group procurement (such as CoreTrust, an independent group purchasing organization), benefits management, purchase of title and/or other insurance policies (which may include brokerage and/or placement thereof), and will from time to time be discounted due to scale or pooled across Portfolio Entities, including through sharing of deductibles and other forms of shared risk retention from a third party or a Blackstone affiliate, and other operational, administrative or management related initiatives. Blackstone will allocate the cost of these various services and products purchased on a group basis among the Funds, Other Blackstone Clients and their Portfolio Entities. Some of these arrangements result in commissions, discounts, rebates or similar payments to Blackstone, its personnel, or Other Blackstone Clients and their Portfolio Entities, including as a result of transactions entered into by the Funds and their Portfolio Entities, and such commissions or payment will not be subject to the management fee offset provisions. Blackstone may also receive consulting or other fees from the parties to these group procurement arrangements. To the extent that a Portfolio Entity of an Other Blackstone Client is providing such a service, such Portfolio Entity and such Other Blackstone Client will benefit. Further, the benefits received by the particular Portfolio Entity providing the service may be greater than those received by the Funds and their Portfolio Entities receiving the service. Conflicts exist in the allocation of the costs and benefits of these arrangements, and Fund investors rely on the PE Advisers to handle them in their sole discretion.

**Diverse Investor Group.** The Fund investors have conflicting investment, tax and other interests with respect to their investments in the Funds and with respect to the interests of investors in other investment vehicles managed or advised by Blackstone that participate in the same investments as the Funds. The conflicting interests of Fund investors and investors in other investment vehicles would generally relate to or arise from, among other things, the nature, structuring, financing, tax profile and timing of disposition of investments of the Funds. The PE Advisers may as a result have conflicts in making these decisions, which may be more beneficial for one or more (but not all) Fund investors than for other Fund investors. In addition, the Funds may make investments that may have a negative impact on related investments made by the Fund investors in separate transactions. In selecting and structuring investments appropriate for the Funds, the PE Advisers will consider the investment and tax objectives of the Funds and their partners as a whole (and those of investors in Other Blackstone Clients that participate in the same investments as the Funds), not the investment, tax or other objectives of any Fund investor individually. Additionally, the PE Advisers may elect to exclude certain Fund investors from particular investments of the Funds for legal, tax, regulatory or other reasons applicable to any such investment, in which case non-excluded Fund investors will be allocated a greater proportionate interest in such investment. The General Partners and/or PE Advisers may also in their sole discretion enter into side letters or other similar agreements with certain limited partners which may provide for a reduction in such limited partners' unused capital commitments with respect to management fees, placement fees and organizational expenses, along with a corresponding increase in their recall amounts in respect of investment proceeds received of an equivalent amount. As a result of any such

arrangements, it is expected that such limited partners will initially be allocated a smaller proportionate interest in investments and expenses, and, following any corresponding increase in such limited partners' recall amounts as described above, a greater proportionate interest in investments made and expenses incurred thereafter (in each case, to the extent allocations are made based on partners' unused capital commitments). In addition, certain Fund investors may also be investors in Other Blackstone Clients, including supplemental capital vehicles and co-investment vehicles that may invest alongside the Funds in one or more investments of the Funds, which could create conflicts for the PE Advisers in the treatment of different Fund investors. Fund investors may also include affiliates of Blackstone, such as Other Blackstone Clients, affiliates of Portfolio Entities of the Funds or Other Blackstone Clients, charities, foundations or other entities or programs associated with Blackstone personnel and/or current or former Blackstone personnel, Blackstone's senior advisors, and any such affiliates, funds or persons may also invest in the Funds or through the vehicles established in connection with Blackstone's side-by-side co-investment rights, in each case, without being subject to management fees or carried interest (or otherwise on more favourable terms), and the limited partners will not be afforded the benefits of such arrangements. Some of the foregoing Blackstone related parties are sponsors of feeder vehicles that could invest in the Funds as Fund investors. The Blackstone related sponsors of feeder vehicles generally charge their investors additional fees, including performance based fees, which could provide Blackstone current income and increase the value of its ownership position in them. Blackstone will therefore have incentives to refer potential investors to these feeder vehicles. All of these Blackstone related Fund investors will have equivalent rights to vote and withhold consents as nonrelated Fund investors, unless otherwise provided by the terms of the Organizational Documents. Nonetheless, Blackstone may have the ability to influence, directly or indirectly, these Blackstone related Fund investors. It is also possible that the Funds or the Funds' Portfolio Entities may be counterparties (such counterparties dealt with on an arm's length basis) or participants in agreements, transactions or other arrangements with a Fund investor or its affiliates. Such transactions may include agreements to pay performance fees to a management team and other related persons in connection with the Funds' investment therein, which will reduce the Funds' returns and will not necessarily be subordinated to the return of the Fund investors' of the Funds Capital Contributions. Such Fund investors described in the previous sentences may therefore have different information about Blackstone and the Funds than Fund investors not similarly positioned. In addition, conflicts of interest may arise in dealing with any such Fund investors, and the PE Advisers may not be motivated to act solely in accordance with its interests relating to the Funds. (See also "—Other Blackstone Business Activities" herein.) Similarly, not all Fund investors monitor their investments in vehicles such as the Funds in the same manner. For example, certain Fund investors may periodically request from the PE Advisers information regarding the Funds and their Portfolio Entities and investments that is not otherwise included in the reporting and other information delivered to all Fund investors—for instance, pre-quarterly reporting valuation. In such circumstances, the PE Advisers may provide such information to such Fund investor and not to other Fund investors. As a result, certain Fund investors may receive more information from the PE Advisers about the Funds and their Portfolio Entities or may receive information about the Funds and their Portfolio Entities

at an earlier time than other Fund investors, and the PE Advisers will have no duty to ensure all Fund investors receive the same information regarding the Funds and their Portfolio Entities. Therefore, certain Fund investors may be able to take actions on the basis of such information which, in the absence of such information, other Fund investors do not take. Furthermore, at certain times Blackstone may be restricted from disclosing to the Fund investors material non-public information regarding any assets in which the Funds invests, particularly those investments in which an Other Blackstone Client or Portfolio Entity that is publicly registered co-invests with the Funds. In addition, investment banks or other financial institutions, as well as Blackstone personnel, may also be Fund investors. These institutions and personnel are a potential source of information and ideas that could benefit the Funds, and may receive information about the Funds and their Portfolio Entities in their capacity as a service provider or vendor to the Funds and their Portfolio Entities.

***Affiliated Fund Investors.*** Certain Fund investors, including current and/or former senior advisors, officers, directors and personnel of Blackstone, Portfolio Entities of the Funds and Other Blackstone Clients, including BTAS Funds, personnel of PJT and charitable programs, endowment funds and related entities established by or associated with any of the foregoing (including any trusts, family members, family investment vehicles, estate planning vehicles, descendant, trusts and other related persons or entities), and other persons related to Blackstone, will not pay management fees or performance-based carried interest in connection with their investment in the Funds. Notwithstanding the foregoing, such Fund investors will either directly pay for their pro rata share of certain partnership expenses, or the pro rata amount of such expenses will be allocated to the PE Advisers. Such pro rata allocation of partnership expenses may be calculated based on capital commitments, invested capital, available capital or other metrics as determined by the PE Advisers in good faith. Any such methodology (including the choice thereof) involves inherent conflicts and may not result in perfect attribution and allocation of expenses. In addition, to the extent current and/or former partners, employees, advisors and other persons referred to above, including their charitable programs, endowment funds, estate planning vehicles (including any trusts, family members, family investment vehicles, descendant, trusts and other related persons and entities) and related entities, make capital commitments and/or otherwise invest in or alongside the Funds, any such amounts may, in the General Partners' sole discretion, be treated as satisfying the applicable portion of any required capital commitment of the General Partners and/or their affiliates to the Funds (even in circumstances where any such commitments or investments are made following a separation from Blackstone).

***Fund Investors' Outside Activities.*** A Fund investor shall be entitled to and may have business interests and engage in activities in addition to those relating to the Funds, including business interests and activities in direct competition with the Funds and their Portfolio Entities, and may engage in transactions with, and provide services to, the Funds or their Portfolio Entities (which may include providing leverage or other financing to the Funds or their Portfolio Entities as determined by the PE Advisers in their sole discretion). None of the Funds, any Fund investor or any other Person shall have any rights by virtue of the Organizational Documents or any

related agreements in any business ventures of any Fund investor. The Fund investor, and in certain cases the PE Advisers, will have conflicting loyalties in these situations.

***Subscription Credit Facility.*** Certain of the Funds have entered into or are expected to enter into, and utilize one or more subscription credit facilities, which involve potential conflicts of interest. Subject to the limitations in the Organizational Documents, the use of a subscription credit facility by the Funds is within the PE Advisers' discretion. Subject to the limitations set forth in the Organizational Documents and the availability and the terms of any subscription-based credit facility for the Funds, the PE Advisers have adopted a policy relating to the use of fund-level credit facilities for the Funds. Generally and without limiting the foregoing, the Funds may seek to utilize a subscription credit facility for the purpose of, among other things, financing any investment-related activities of the Funds (such as for assets that the Funds do not intend to hold for a long term period), covering partnership expenses, organizational expenses, management fees, servicing fees and any other costs of the Funds, making distributions to Partners, providing permanent financing or refinancing or providing interim financing to consummate the purchase of investments of the Funds. The amount of credit available to the Funds under a subscription credit facility is determined by the credit quality of the Fund investors as determined by the lender. For this reason, Fund investors with a higher credit quality, as determined by the lender, generate more credit for the Funds than Fund investors with a lower credit quality, which results in an indirect benefit conferred by the higher credit quality Fund investors to the others.

Calculations of net and gross IRRs in respect of investment and performance data referred to in the Organizational Documents of a Fund, and as reported to Fund investors from time to time, are based on the payment date of capital contributions received from Fund investors. This treatment also applies in instances where a fund utilizes borrowings under a fund's subscription credit facility in lieu of, or in advance of receiving capital contributions from Fund investors to repay any such borrowings. As a result, use of a subscription credit facility (or other long-term leverage) will impact calculations of returns and will result in a higher or lower reported IRR than if the amounts borrowed had instead been funded through capital contributions made by the Fund investors to the Funds. If the use increases the IRR, as it normally does, the PE Advisers will have various incentives to use the subscription credit facility, including marketing efforts of future Funds and Other Blackstone Clients. For example, in the event the interest rate on borrowings is lower than the hurdle rate, use of leverage arrangements may accelerate or increase distributions of carried interest to the PE Advisers, providing an economic incentive to fund investments of the Funds through long-term borrowings in lieu of capital contributions. In addition, the PE Advisers may receive a greater amount of management fees if following the Investment Period borrowings under the facility utilized in lieu of a combination of Fund investors' capital and non-recourse financing for investments of the Funds remain outstanding. Moreover, the costs and expenses of any such borrowings will generally be allocated among the Funds and any Parallel Funds pro rata or on such other basis that the General Partners determine to be more equitable under the circumstances, which will increase the expenses borne by applicable Fund investors and would be expected to diminish net cash on cash

returns. In addition, for investments in U.S. corporations by U.S. tax exempt Fund investors, there may be incremental tax costs related to so-called unrelated business taxable income (UBTI).

The Funds expects to utilize their subscription credit facilities and enter into other similar arrangements and extensions of credit for the benefit of co-investors, joint venture partners and Other Blackstone Clients, including Blackstone side-by-side arrangements, which invest alongside the Funds in one or more investments. For example, the Funds may draw from a borrowing to fund a joint venture partner's or co-investor's pro rata share of an investment or expense related to an investment. In such circumstances, the PE Advisers generally intend to disclose such arrangements as part of the periodic reporting or other appropriate communications relating to the Funds and to cause any such co-investors, joint venture partners and Other Blackstone Clients to bear (or reimburse the Funds for) their pro rata share of any interest expenses (but not necessarily origination and other costs) allocable to such extensions of credit. The PE Advisers may receive direct and indirect benefits from such uses as well, including as a result of the facilitation of co-investment by Other Blackstone Clients.

Subject to the limitations set forth in the Organizational Documents, the General Partners maintain substantial flexibility in choosing when and how a Fund's subscription-based credit facilities are used. The General Partners have adopted policies and may update or adopt from time to time policies or guidelines relating to the use of such credit facilities. As a general matter, the General Partners expect to utilize available credit facilities in lieu of capital calls to fund all new investments of the Funds, partnership expenses and other Fund obligations, and call capital semi-annually or any time more than 75% of the line is committed, subject to the unused amount remaining under the credit facility and fund contractual restrictions. Capital calls will be utilized to repay the credit facility borrowings until capacity is available. A Fund's use of credit facilities will be used and managed in the manner described above independently from any Other Blackstone Client's use of credit facilities (and the contractual restrictions applicable to such Other Blackstone Clients and other credit facilities may be more or less favorable than those of such Fund), even when the same credit facility is being utilized and/or investments are shared between a Fund and an Other Blackstone Client, which may result in different expenses related to borrowings and IRRs reported by multiple Blackstone funds for the same investment. Similarly, while the General Partners expect to generally utilize credit facilities for the Funds in a consistent matter, the use of such credit facilities may differ based on available credit facility capacity and the contractual terms applicable to the Funds and such credit facilities, among other factors. In addition, as part of the policy, the General Partners have adopted guidelines for the longer-term use (*i.e.*, greater than one year) of the credit facilities. This longer-term fund-level financing will typically be used (a) for under-levered deals in which a refinancing in 3 years or less is anticipated (such that the full draw on the line is repaid with refinancing proceeds), (b) for deals that are expected to be sold within 2 years, (c) to address greenfield debt capacity issues, (d) to borrow for management fees and (e) when the General Partner otherwise determines that it is in best interests of the fund.

**Insurance.** The Funds will purchase or bear premiums, fees, costs and expenses (including any expenses or fees of insurance brokers) to insure the Funds, Portfolio Entities, the PE Advisers, Blackstone and their respective directors, officers, employees, agents, Independent Client Representative (if any) and representatives, and members of the L.P. Advisory Committees and other indemnified parties (and in certain circumstances, such person's agents and representatives), against liability in connection with the activities of the Funds. This includes a portion of any premiums, fees, costs and expenses for one or more "umbrella," group or other insurance policies maintained by Blackstone that cover one or more of the Funds and Other Blackstone Clients, the PE Advisers and Blackstone (including their respective directors, officers, employees, agents and representatives, Independent Client Representative (if any) and members of the L.P. Advisory Committees and other indemnified parties). The PE Advisers will make judgments about the allocation of premiums, fees, costs and expenses for such "umbrella," group or other insurance policies among one or more of the Funds and Other Blackstone Clients, the PE Advisers and Blackstone on a fair and reasonable basis, in their sole discretion, and may make corrective allocations should it determine subsequently that such corrections are necessary or advisable.

Similarly, the Funds and their Portfolio Entities may enter into arrangements with Other Blackstone Clients and their respective Portfolio Entities whereby property and/or other types of insurance is procured as a group where the insurance provider may charge lower premiums to the group than it would on an individual property-by-property basis. In such event, the obligation to pay the premiums on such group policies may be allocated in accordance with the relative values of the respective assets that are insured by such policies (or other factors that Blackstone may reasonably determine). Additionally, the Funds and Other Blackstone Clients (and their respective Portfolio Entities) may jointly contribute to a pool of funds that may be used to pay losses that are subject to the deductibles on any group insurance policies, which contributions may similarly be allocated in accordance with the relative values of the respective assets that are insured by such policies (or other factors that Blackstone may reasonably determine). (See also "—Service Providers, Vendors and Other Counterparties Generally" herein.)

There can be no assurance that different allocations or arrangements than those implemented by Blackstone as provided above would not result in the Funds and their Portfolio Entities bearing less (or more) premiums, deductibles, fees, costs and expenses for insurance policies.

**Other Conflicts.** In addition, other present and future activities of Blackstone, the Funds, Other Blackstone Clients and their Portfolio Entities, affiliates (including the PE Advisers) and related parties will from time to time give rise to additional conflicts of interest relating to the Funds and their investment activities. The PE Advisers generally attempt to resolve conflicts in a fair and equitable manner, but conflicts will not necessarily be resolved in favor of the Funds' interests. In addition, pursuant to the Organizational Documents of the Funds, an L.P. Advisory Committee has or will be established and authorized to give consent on behalf of the Funds with respect to certain matters as described more fully in such Organizational Documents. If an L.P. Advisory Committee consents to a particular matter and the applicable PE Adviser acts in a

manner consistent with, or pursuant to the standards and procedures approved by, such L.P. Advisory Committee, or otherwise as provided in the Organizational Documents, then such PE Adviser and its affiliates will not have any liability to the applicable Fund or the Fund investors for such actions taken in good faith by them.

In the case of an appointment of an Independent Client Representative as provided herein and in the Organizational Documents, to the extent that the Independent Client Representative is to review a proposed transaction or other conflict in accordance with the terms in the Organizational Documents, the Independent Client Representative shall consist of one or more persons with substantial experience in, and knowledge of, the relevant market and related investment arenas who are independent of the General Partner and Blackstone. The General Partner shall have the right to remove or replace an Independent Client Representative at any time or appoint more than one Independent Client Representative to address separate conflicts in its discretion. An Independent Client Representative may be paid a fee by a Fund to be determined by the General Partner. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, an Independent Client Representative shall not owe any fiduciary duty to a Fund, any Fund investor or the Fund investors as a group in connection with the activities of such Independent Client Representative, and an Independent Client Representative shall not have any obligation to act in the interests of a Fund, any Fund investor, or the Fund Investors as a group or any other duty to a Fund, any Fund investor or the Fund investors as a group other than a duty to act in good faith.

***Additional Potential Conflicts of Interest.*** The officers, directors, members, managers and personnel of the PE Advisers may trade in securities for their own accounts, subject to restrictions and reporting requirements as may be required by law and Blackstone policies or as otherwise determined from time to time by the PE Advisers. In addition, as a consequence of Blackstone's status as a public company, the officers, directors, members, managers and personnel of the PE Advisers may take into account certain considerations and other factors in connection with the management of the business and affairs of the Funds and their affiliates that would not necessarily be taken into account if Blackstone were not a public company. The directors of Blackstone have fiduciary duties to shareholders of the public company that may conflict with their duties to the Funds. Finally, although Blackstone believes its positive reputation in the marketplace provides benefit to the Funds and Other Blackstone Clients, the PE Advisers could decline to undertake investment activity or transact with a counterparty on behalf of the Funds for reputational reasons, and this decision could result in the Funds foregoing a profit or suffering a loss.

#### **Other Financial Industry Affiliations**

Each PE Adviser is an affiliate of each other PE Adviser as well as each of the following entities:

##### **Broker-Dealer Entities**

Blackstone Advisory Partners L.P.	Provides a variety of limited investment banking services
Dealerweb Inc.*	Operates as an interdealer broker in fixed income securities including U.S. government mortgage-backed securities, repurchase agreements, U.S. treasuries, collateralized mortgage obligations, asset backed securities, EFPs, and municipal securities; and operates as an alternative trading system for fixed income securities
FEF Distributors LLC*	Serves as distributor and principal underwriter to the First Eagle mutual funds and private investment funds
Alight Financial Solutions, LLC*	Provides self-directed brokerage windows to participants of plan sponsored 401(k) retirement plans
Incenter Securities Group LLC**	Provides a variety of limited investment banking services
Redi Global Technologies LLC*	Operates an EMS ("REDI") that provides advanced trading functionality and the ability to transact across multiple asset classes from a single front-end
Redi Technologies Ltd*	The FCA entity that operates "REDI" EMS, that provides advanced trading functionality and the ability to transact across multiple asset classes from a single front-end
Reuters Transaction Services Limited*	UK registered company, whose main activity is the provision of electronic trading venues for foreign exchange spot and forward/swaps foreign exchange instruments
Tradeweb Europe Limited*	Operates a fully-disclosed electronic trading platform for fixed income securities, certain derivatives and money market instruments in the United Kingdom and throughout the European economic area
Tradeweb L.L.C.*	Operates a fully-disclosed electronic trading platform for fixed income securities, certain derivatives and money market instruments
Tradeweb Direct LLC*	Operates an alternative trading system for taxable and tax-exempt fixed income securities and serves as a venue for matching buyers and sellers in the fixed income marketplace for retail sized orders
<b>Investment Advisor Entities</b>	
Alight Financial Advisors, LLC*	Provides advisory services to participants of plan sponsored 401(k) retirement plans
Blackstone Alternative Asset Management L.P.	Manages a series of private and closed-end funds engaged in multi-manager investment programs ( <i>i.e.</i> , fund of hedge funds)

Blackstone Alternative Investment Advisors L.L.C.	Provides investment advisory services to open end mutual funds and UCITS
Blackstone Alternative Solutions L.L.C.	Provides investment advisory services to private investment funds which participate in a broad range of direct investment opportunities
Blackstone Clean Technology Advisors L.L.C.	Provides investment advisory services to private investment funds specializing in the cleantech energy sector
Blackstone Communications Advisors I L.L.C.	Provides investment advisory services to a private investment fund specializing in communications-related private equity investments
Blackstone Core Equity Advisors L.L.C.	Provides investment advisory services to various private equity funds
Blackstone Debt Advisors L.P.	Provides investment advisory services to a number of debt-focused private investment funds
Blackstone Infrastructure Advisors L.L.C.	Provides investment advisory services to one or more infrastructure-focused investment funds
Blackstone ISG-I Advisors L.L.C.	Provides investment advisory services to one or more private investment funds and managed accounts focusing on fixed income investments and investments across Blackstone's private equity, real asset, credit, hedge fund and opportunistic asset management strategies
Blackstone ISG-II Advisors L.L.C.	Provides investment advisory services to various private investment funds focusing on investments across Blackstone's private equity, real asset, credit, hedge fund and opportunistic asset management strategies
Blackstone Management Partners L.L.C.	Provides investment advisory services to various private equity funds
Blackstone Management Partners IV L.L.C.	Provides investment advisory services to various private equity funds
Blackstone Mezzanine Advisors L.P.	Provides investment advisory services to private investment funds specializing in mezzanine financing
Blackstone Property Advisors L.P.	Provides investment advisory services to various private real estate investment funds
Blackstone Real Estate Advisors Europe L.P.	Provides investment advisory services to various real estate investment funds

Blackstone Real Estate Income Advisors L.L.C.	Provides investment advisory services to one or more registered closed-end real estate investment funds
Blackstone Real Estate Advisors International L.L.C.	Provides investment advisory services to various private real estate investment funds
Blackstone Real Estate Advisors L.P.	Provides investment advisory services to various private real estate investment funds
Blackstone Real Estate Advisors IV L.L.C.	Provides investment advisory services to various private real estate investment funds
Blackstone Real Estate Advisors V L.P.	Provides investment advisory services to various private real estate investment funds
Blackstone Real Estate Special Situations Advisors L.L.C.	Provides investment advisory services to various private real estate investment funds
Blackstone Real Estate Special Situations Advisors (Isobel) L.L.C.	Provides investment advisory services to private investment funds and accounts which invest primarily in public and private debt and other interests of real estate assets and real estate-related holdings
Blackstone Strategic Alliance Advisors L.L.C.	Manages a series of private funds engaged in a hedge fund “seeding” program
Blackstone Strategic Capital Advisors L.L.C.	Manages private funds engaged in acquisitions of minority interests in alternative asset managers
Blackstone Tactical Opportunities Advisors L.L.C.	Provides investment advisory services to multi-discipline, multi-asset class private funds
Blackstone Multi-Asset Advisors L.L.C.	Provides investment advisory services to various private investment funds focusing on investments across Blackstone’s private equity, real asset, credit, hedge fund and opportunistic alternative asset management strategies
Blackstone Treasury Solutions Advisors L.L.C.	Provides investment advisory services to funds invested primarily in diversified fixed income and hedge fund products
Blackstone / GSO Debt Funds Europe Limited	Provides investment advisory services to a number of debt-focused private investment funds
Blackstone / GSO Debt Funds Management Europe Limited	Provides investment advisory services to a number of debt-focused private investment funds and separately managed accounts

Blackstone / GSO Debt Funds Management Europe II Limited	Provides investment advisory services to a number of debt-focused private investment funds
BSCA Advisors L.L.C.	Provides investment advisory services to certain co-investment vehicles relating to funds managed by Blackstone Strategic Capital Advisors L.L.C.
BXMT Advisors L.L.C.	Provides investment advisory services to a REIT and other investment vehicles
BX REIT Advisors L.L.C.	Provides investment advisory services to a public, non-traded REIT
Clarus Ventures, LLC	Provides investment advisory services to various private investment funds specializing in the life sciences industry
CT High Grade Mezzanine Manager, LLC	Provides investment advisory services to assets owned by a third party insurance company
CT High Grade Partners II Manager, LLC	Provides investment advisory services to real estate debt and securities private funds, managed accounts and CDOs focused on loans and securities backed by commercial real estate assets
CT Investment Management Co., LLC	Provides investment advisory services to real estate debt and securities private funds, managed accounts and CDOs focused on loans and securities backed by commercial real estate assets
First Eagle Investment Management, LLC*	Provides investment advisory services to mutual funds, private investment funds, institutional accounts and high net worth individuals
GSO Asset Management LLC	Provides investment advisory services to a debt-focused registered investment fund electing to do business as a business development company
GSO Capital Advisors LLC	Provides investment advisory services to a number of debt-focused private investment funds and separately managed accounts
GSO Capital Advisors II LLC	Provides investment advisory services to a number of debt-focused separately managed accounts
GSO Capital Partners LP	Provides investment advisory services to a number of debt-focused private investment funds and closed-end funds
GSO/Blackstone Debt Funds Management LLC	Provides investment advisory services to a number of debt-focused private investment funds, closed-end funds and separately managed accounts

Harvest Fund Advisors LLC	Provides investment advisory services to various categories of institutions and high net worth individuals via private pooled investment vehicles and separate accounts investing principally in publicly-traded energy infrastructure Master Limited Partnerships and the North American energy market
Incenter Capital Management LLC**	Provides investment advisory services to mortgage related asset private funds and managed accounts
First Eagle Private Credit Advisors, LLC*	Provides investment advisory services to a number of CLO's, private investment funds and separately managed accounts specializing in liquid credit
First Eagle Commercial Loan Originator II LLC*	Provides investment advisory services to CLO's specializing in middle market credit
First Eagle Private Credit, LLC*	Provides investment advisory services to a number of CLO's, private investment funds and separately managed accounts specializing in middle market credit
Strategic Partners Fund Solutions Advisors L.P.	Provides investment advisory services to a number of pooled investment and custom vehicles operating as private investment funds
Refinitiv Global Markets Inc. (D/B/A IFR Markets, Municipal Market Data)*	Provides investment advisory services to U.S. treasuries and U.S. municipal markets
Blackstone Advisors India Private Limited	India investment advisory firm, which serves as a sub-advisor to affiliates of the registrant
Blackstone Europe Fund Management S.a.r.l.	Provides services to various alternative investment funds
Blackstone Singapore Pte Ltd	Singapore investment advisory firm, which serves as a sub-advisor to affiliates of the registrant and also provides investment advisory services to funds controlled by the registrant
The Blackstone Group (Australia) Pty Limited	Australian investment advisory firm, which serves as a sub-advisor to affiliates of the registrant
The Blackstone Group (HK) Limited	Hong Kong investment advisory firm, which serves as a sub-advisor to affiliates of the registrant and also has a broker-dealer license for fund marketing
The Blackstone Group International Partners LLP	U.K. investment advisory firm, which serves as a sub-advisor to affiliates of the registrant
The Blackstone Group Japan K.K.	Japanese investment advisory firm, which serves as a sub-advisor to affiliates of the registrant and also has a broker-dealer license for fund marketing

Blackstone Real Estate Australia Pty	Australia investment advisory firm, which serves as a sub-advisor to affiliates of the registrant and also provides investment advisory services to funds controlled by the registrant
Blackstone (Shanghai) Equity Investment Management Co. Ltd.	Chinese investment advisory firm, which serves as sub-advisor to affiliates of the registrant
Blackstone (Shanghai) Equity Investments Management Co. Ltd. – Beijing Branch Office	Chinese investment advisory firm, which serves as sub-advisor to affiliates of the registrant
The Blackstone Group Spain SLU	Spain investment advisory firm, which serves as a sub-advisor to the registrant
Blackstone Assessoria em Investimento Ltda.	Brazilian investment advisory firm, which serves as a sub-advisor to the registrant
BX Mexico Advisors S.A. de C.V.	Mexican advisory entity which provides services to certain publicly registered trusts
<b>Registered Commodity Trading Advisor and/or Registered Commodity Pool Operator Entities</b>	
Blackstone Alternative Investment Advisors LLC (CTA/CPO)	Provides investment advisory services to open end mutual funds and UCITS
Blackstone Alternative Asset Management L.P. (CTA/CPO)	Manages a series of private and closed-end funds engaged in multi-manager investment programs ( <i>i.e.</i> , fund of hedge funds)
Blackstone Alternative Solutions L.L.C. (CTA/CPO)	Provides investment advisory services to private investment funds which participate in a broad range of direct investment opportunities
Blackstone Strategic Alliance Advisors L.L.C. (CTA/CPO)	Manages a series of private funds engaged in a hedge fund “seeding” program
Blackstone Strategic Capital Advisors L.L.C. (CPO)	Manages private funds engaged in acquisitions of minority interests in alternative asset managers
Blackstone Treasury Solutions Advisors L.L.C. (CPO)	Provides investment advisory services to funds invested primarily in diversified fixed income and hedge fund products
<b>Insurance Entities</b>	
Agents National Title Holding Company**	A wholly owned subsidiary of Incenter and is a title insurance broker serving consumers and lenders through a network of independent title agents

Boston National Holdings LLC**	A wholly owned subsidiary of Incenter and is a title insurance agency
HealthMarkets Insurance Agency, Inc.*	An independent health insurance agency that distributes healthcare and Medicare advantage insurance products from more than 200 insurance companies, as well as its own underwritten supplemental insurance products
Lexington National Land Services	Places title insurance and provide title services for real property owned by various funds and/or their portfolio entities
Partners Life Limited**	Life and medical insurance company in New Zealand
Rothsay Life Plc**	Life insurer specializing in bulk annuities and other de-risking solutions for defined benefit pension schemes and insurance companies

\*Portfolio company of affiliated private equity fund

\*\*Portfolio company of affiliated Tactical Opportunities funds

BHK is registered in Hong Kong, BA IPL is registered in India, BSPL is registered in Singapore, The Blackstone Group International Partners LLP (“BGIP”) is registered in the United Kingdom and BGAPL is registered in Australia. They provide certain advisory services to BMP, BCEA and certain of their affiliates in Hong Kong, India, Singapore, the United Kingdom, Shanghai, and Australia, respectively. BGIP also provides certain advisory services to BCP IV and certain of its affiliates in the United Kingdom.

Various management and marketing personnel are registered with our broker-dealer, BAP, which serves as placement agent to the Funds in the U.S. but is not compensated for such services. We do not believe these registrations, in and of themselves, create conflicts for the Funds’ investors.

**A more detailed description of applicable conflicts of interest is set forth in the Private Placement Memorandum of each Fund.**

## Item 11 – Code of Ethics

Each PE Adviser recognizes and believes that (i) high ethical standards are essential for its success and to maintain the confidence of its investors; (ii) its long-term business interests are best served by adherence to the principle that the interests of investors come first; and (iii) it has a fiduciary duty to its investors to act in the best interests of the Funds it manages. All PE Adviser personnel are required to act in accordance with the implied contractual covenants of good faith and fair dealing in respect of their dealings with investors and are required to comply with all applicable laws.

Each PE Adviser is governed by the Blackstone Code of Ethics (the “Code”). The Code governs a number of potential conflicts of interest which exist in connection with the Funds it manages. The Code is designed to ensure that the PE Advisers meet their fiduciary obligations to Fund investors (or prospective investors) and to instill a culture of compliance within the PE Advisers. An additional benefit of the Code is to detect and prevent violations of securities laws.

The Code is distributed to each employee at the time of hire and annually thereafter, and it is available on Blackstone’s intranet website. The PE Advisers also supplement the Code with ongoing monitoring of employee activity.

The Code includes, among other items, the following:

- Requirements related to confidentiality;
- Limitations on, and reporting of, gifts and entertainment;
- Pre-clearance of political contributions;
- Pre-clearance and reporting of employee personal securities transactions;
- Pre-clearance of outside business activities; and
- Protection of persons who engage in “whistle blowing” activities from retaliation.

On an annual basis, Blackstone requires all employees to certify that they are in compliance with the Code.

Blackstone offers many different products and services across its many businesses and there are several potential conflicts of interest which will from time to time arise. Please see **Item 10 – Other Financial Industry Activities & Affiliations** for a list of investment related potential conflicts, including, in particular, “Other Blackstone Clients; Allocation of Investment Opportunities” describing conflicts related to allocation of investment opportunities among investment funds sponsored by Blackstone and co-investors. The PE Advisers have adopted policies and procedures to address such potential conflicts of interest.

The PE Advisers' related persons from time to time have bought or sold, or may in the future buy or sell, for their personal accounts, securities which are also purchased or sold for the account of Blackstone's clients. The PE Advisers and their related personnel are subject to guidelines governing the ability to trade in personal accounts. The guidelines generally require that such trading be conducted for investment rather than speculative purposes (including by having minimum holding periods) and that all such personal securities transactions receive pre-clearance from the Blackstone Legal and Compliance Department. As a policy matter, Blackstone personnel are generally prohibited from purchasing single-name public securities in their self-directed personal securities brokerage accounts. These guidelines are designed to comply with SEC requirements that registered investment advisors have a Code. In addition, Blackstone has implemented certain policies and procedures (e.g., information walls) to restrict access to material non-public information. The Code is available for review upon request.

You may request a copy of the Code by contacting Vikrant Sawhney - Senior Managing Director; 212-583-5487; sawhney@blackstone.com.

## Item 12 – Brokerage Practices

The PE Advisers do not generally trade in public securities; however, in the event a PE Adviser executes a brokerage transaction for one or more Funds (*e.g.* trades in public securities or enters into hedging transactions), the PE Adviser will generally consider qualitative factors including, but not limited to, the broker's reliability and execution capabilities for the transaction, the commissions charged by the broker, and the broker's reputation and responsiveness to requests for trade data and other financial information.

## Item 13 – Review of Accounts

### REVIEW OF ACCOUNTS

Currently, the only accounts under the supervision of each PE Adviser are the relevant Funds' accounts. The Funds' accounts and investment positions are monitored by the PE Adviser's personnel on a regular and current basis. Each PE Adviser's Investment Committee meets as necessary to review general portfolio composition, investment opportunities, market conditions, potential conflicts, and recent trading activities. Each PE Adviser's Investment Committee consists of a minimum of 4 persons and additional members depending on the particular investment, all of whom are Senior Managing Directors or founding members of our private equity business. The PE Advisers might periodically review on an expedited basis the assets of the Fund following a unique occurrence in the financial industry or market generally. The Investment Committees may also draw on regional and/or sector experts within Blackstone as appropriate given the specific profile of each investment opportunity.

### REPORTS TO INVESTORS

Investors in the Funds generally will receive written quarterly reports which will include capital balance and Fund performance statistics. Investors also will receive written annual audited financial statements for the Fund in which they are invested. The PE Advisers make use of Blackstone's online portal, BX Access, available at [www.bxaccess.com](http://www.bxaccess.com) for the distribution of reports and other information to investors in the Funds.

Certain investors in the Funds may request additional information relating to the Funds and, to the extent such information is readily available or may be obtained without unreasonable effort or expense, the PE Advisers generally will provide such investors with the information requested. Investors that request and receive such information will consequently possess information regarding the business and affairs of the Funds that may not be known to other investors. As a result, certain investors may be able to take actions on the basis of such information which, in the absence of such information, other investors do not take.

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

Certain of the PE Advisers have distribution and/or placement agent arrangements with a number of unaffiliated third parties. In a typical distribution or placement agent arrangement, the PE Adviser agrees to pay a third party solicitor for referring investors into a Fund managed by that PE Adviser. Typically, third party solicitors will be compensated based upon a percentage of the commitment size of the investors they refer (although other payment arrangements could exist). If third party solicitors are engaged, a prospective investor solicited by that third party solicitor will be informed of (and may be asked to acknowledge in writing its understanding of) any such arrangement. All fees for such solicitation services will be ultimately paid/borne by a corresponding reduction in the Management Fee by the PE Adviser and none of the investors in the Funds will be subject to any increased or additional fees or charges. Third party solicitors in the U.S. may be registered as broker-dealers with the SEC. Third party solicitors outside the U.S. will be registered with a non-U.S. regulatory body to the extent such registration is required in the applicable non-U.S. jurisdiction.

BAP, an affiliate of Blackstone, serves as a placement agent to the Funds in the U.S. but is not compensated for such services.

While it is the case that the BCOM Funds, BCTA Funds and BCP IV Funds are no longer being actively marketed, there were placement arrangements in place with affiliated and non-affiliated third party solicitors pursuant to which on-going payments may still be due and owing.

## Item 15 – Custody

Rule 206(4)-2, as amended (the “Custody Rule”), of the Advisers Act defines custody as holding client securities or funds or having any authority to obtain possession of them. The Funds generally have a PE Adviser affiliate acting as general partner and, as such, the PE Adviser is deemed to have custody of the Funds’ funds. Each PE Adviser complies with the Advisers Act custody rule by, among other things, providing all investors in the Funds with audited financial statements.

## **Item 16 – Investment Discretion**

Each PE Adviser maintains the authority to manage the relevant Funds on a discretionary basis, subject to the overall supervision of the applicable General Partner, in accordance with the investment guidelines, objectives, limitations, other provisions and terms set forth in the Funds' Organizational Documents.

## Item 17 – Voting Client Securities (i.e., Proxy Voting)

### Proxy Policy

Rule 206(4)-6 under the Advisers Act (the “Proxy Rule”) requires registered investment advisers that exercise voting authority over client securities to implement proxy voting policies. Because each PE Adviser will generally be deemed to have authority to vote proxies relating to the companies in which its clients invest, the PE Advisers have adopted a set of policies and procedures (together, the “Policy”) in compliance with the Proxy Rule. To the extent that a PE Adviser exercises or is deemed to be exercising voting authority over its clients’ securities, the Policy is designed and implemented in a manner reasonably expected to ensure that voting with respect to proxy proposals, amendments, consents or resolutions (collectively, “proxies”) is exercised in a manner that serves the best interest of the Funds, as determined by the PE Adviser in its sole discretion. Notwithstanding the foregoing, because proxy proposals and individual company facts and circumstances may vary, the PE Advisers may not always vote proxies in accordance with the Policy. In addition, many possible proxy matters are not covered in the Policy. Generally, the PE Advisers will vote proxies in favor of management’s recommendation, including, but not limited to, the following matters: (i) the election of the board of directors; (ii) the approval of financial statements as presented by management; and (iii) will generally vote in favor of the selection of independent auditors even if the proposed auditor is currently the auditor of The Blackstone Group Inc. In certain cases where an investment is made with Blackstone-affiliated or unaffiliated sponsors, proxy voting may be delegated to such other sponsors (each such sponsor a “Voting Sponsor”) provided that Blackstone reasonably believes that such Voting Sponsor’s policies regarding proxy voting are consistent with the Policy.

From time to time, conflicts may arise between the interests of the investor, on the one hand, and the interests of a PE Adviser or its affiliates, on the other hand. If the PE Adviser determines that it has, or may be perceived to have, a conflict of interest when voting a proxy, the PE Adviser will address matters involving such conflicts of interest on a case-by-case basis by consulting with the Chief Compliance Officer or his designee, subject to legal, regulatory, contractual or other applicable considerations. The analysis will be documented. Each PE Adviser in its sole discretion, may elect not to vote certain routine proxies if unduly burdensome.

Investors may request a copy of the Policy and the voting records relating to proxies as provided by the Rule by contacting Vikrant Sawhney – Senior Managing Director; 212-583-5487; sawhney@blackstone.com.

## **Item 18 – Financial Information**

No PE Adviser has ever been the subject of a bankruptcy petition at any time during the past ten years and/or is aware of any financial condition reasonably likely to impair its ability to meet contractual commitments to its clients.

## **Item 19 – Requirements for State Registered Advisers**

This item is not applicable as none of the PE Advisers is registered in any state.