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## ITEM 2 - MATERIAL CHANGES

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Knightsbridge Asset Management, LLC (“Knightsbridge”) reviews and updates the brochure at least annually to confirm that it remains current.

The purpose of this page is to inform you of any material changes since the last annual update to this brochure. If you are receiving this brochure for the first time, this section may not be relevant to you.

Knightsbridge filed a brochure on April 24, 2017 to reflect the firm’s address change to 500 Newport Center Drive, Suite 680, Newport Beach, CA 92660. No other material changes were made since the last annual update to Knightsbridge’s brochure dated February 15, 2017.

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## ITEM 4 - ADVISORY BUSINESS

### Description of Advisory Firm

Knightsbridge Asset Management, LLC (“Knightsbridge,” “we,” “our,” or “us”) is an independent, 100% employee owned limited liability company headquartered in Newport Beach, California. Knightsbridge is registered as an investment adviser with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

The inception date of the track record for Knightsbridge’s flagship product, Opportunistic Value, was January 1, 1992, at which time we operated as a division of Canterbury Capital Services, Inc. On July 1, 1998, Knightsbridge Asset Management, LLC was established as an independent employee-owned entity and 100% of our client base transitioned to this new firm. John Prichard, CFA, a co-founder, and Miles Yourman currently own the firm.

### Advisory Services Offered

Knightsbridge offers investment advisory services directly to retail and institutional clients in individually managed accounts, and through sub-advisory and wrap-fee arrangements.

#### Investment Management Services

Knightsbridge provides discretionary investment management services to clients in direct relationships through individually managed accounts. We typically offer our equity and balanced strategies to retail

clients, and our equity strategies to institutional clients. Investment management services include the design, implementation, and continued monitoring of the client's account.

The investment approach of our Opportunistic Value Equity strategy was conceived and developed as an attempt to increase the probabilities of outperformance and capital preservation by emphasizing market inefficiencies and investing opportunistically across a broad spectrum of market capitalization. This approach is the core of our strategies, which are then implemented for client accounts based on the objectives of the specific strategy and the guidelines and restrictions imposed by the client. We describe our investment philosophy further under ***Item 8 - Methods of Analysis, Investment Strategies and Risk of Loss***.

For our equity strategies, Knightsbridge's recommendations for new investments will primarily include exchange-traded securities such as common stocks and may also include American Depositary Receipts listed on U.S. exchanges, foreign securities listed on foreign exchanges (ordinaries), Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs), closed end funds, and interests in exchange-traded limited partnerships. Knightsbridge does not generally invest in IPOs or other limited offerings; however, there may be situations where we participate in shares issued by companies we own or companies that are under consideration. Knightsbridge's balanced strategy, in addition to the equity securities described above, will also include fixed income securities such as corporate, government, and municipal bonds, floating rate notes, mutual funds, and ETFs. All accounts typically also hold positions in cash or cash equivalents.

In exercising our discretion, Knightsbridge may invest client accounts across the full range of market capitalization in U.S. and foreign securities and may be invested with limited diversification among a small number of sectors and/or industries. Accounts are likely to be invested at significant variance to the overall equity markets as well as compared to any particular benchmark. Knightsbridge is not constrained in our allocation among stocks, bonds and cash in either equity or balanced accounts, and we will not be held responsible for rebalancing balanced accounts to any specific target allocation. Actual allocation among stocks, bonds and cash will vary over time in accounts.

Knightsbridge may also occasionally offer advice regarding additional types of investments based on other account strategies or in response to client inquiry. Knightsbridge may offer investment advice on any investment held by the client at the start of the advisory relationship. We describe the material investment risks for many of the securities that we recommend under the heading ***Specific Security Risks*** in ***Item 8*** below.

We offer standard and institutional fee schedules for investment management services. We describe the fees charged for investment management services below under ***Item 5 - Fees and Compensation***.

We discuss our discretionary authority below under ***Item 16 - Investment Discretion***.

On occasion and at our sole discretion, Knightsbridge may offer assistance to clients on a non-discretionary basis for accounts not managed by Knightsbridge and may or may not charge a management fee.

### *Limitations on Investments*

Knightsbridge intends to carefully manage the firm's growth in order to preserve the effectiveness of our research and portfolio management approach. This limitation will include constraining assets under management in order to preserve the ability to purchase small and midcap stocks while managing a concentrated portfolio of 15 to 25 stocks. We believe that the capacity for our Opportunistic Value Equity strategy is \$2-\$4 billion.

Knightsbridge may also limit advice based on certain client-imposed restrictions. For more information about the restrictions clients can put on their accounts, see ***Tailored Services and Client Imposed Restrictions*** in this Item below.

### *Sub-Advisory Relationships and Wrap Programs*

Clients can also access Knightsbridge's investment management services through unaffiliated third-parties under a sub-advisory relationship or through a wrap fee program. These services are offered as separately managed accounts in Knightsbridge's equity strategies, as described above. In limited cases, certain third parties have also negotiated to offer a balanced account option.

Knightsbridge has entered into a sub-advisory agreement for portfolio management with HPM Partners LLC. Knightsbridge manages portfolios as part of a wrap program offered by Stifel Nicolaus & Company, Inc. In addition, Knightsbridge serves as a third party manager to Wedbush Securities, Inc. in the Advisory Services Program sponsored by FDx Advisors Inc.

The fees Knightsbridge receives under these arrangements are described below under ***Item 5 - Fees and Compensation***.

### *Services to Registered Investment Companies*

Knightsbridge may provide investment advisory services to registered investment companies (mutual funds) and will enter into written agreements which outline the services we perform for the fund(s). Knightsbridge will not purchase or recommend any funds under these arrangements for other investment management clients.

### **Tailored Services and Client Imposed Restrictions**

Knightsbridge manages client accounts based on the investment strategy the client chooses, as discussed below under ***Item 8 - Methods of Analysis, Investment Strategies, and Risk of Loss***.

Clients may request restrictions on their account, such as when a client needs to keep a minimum level of cash in the account or does not want Knightsbridge to buy or sell specific securities or security types in the account. Consideration will be given to account diversification and/or concentrations as expressed by the client. Any client restrictions concerning the use of equity analogs, e.g. warrants, options, "percs," convertible debt securities, convertible equity securities, "scores" or "primes" will be dealt with on an account by account basis. It is the client's responsibility to keep Knightsbridge informed of any changes to their investment objectives or restrictions. Knightsbridge reserves the right to not accept and/or

terminate management of a client's account if we feel that the client-imposed restrictions would limit or prevent us from meeting or maintaining the client's investment strategy.

## Wrap Fee Programs

Knightsbridge manages accounts in wrap fee programs sponsored by other financial services firms. As part of these programs, the client pays a single bundled fee to the company offering the wrap fee program, instead of paying separately for Knightsbridge's advisory services, commissions on transactions, custodian fees, and other transaction-related fees. The company sponsoring the program then pays Knightsbridge a portion of the wrap fee for our investment management services.

Knightsbridge chooses investments for clients in wrap fee programs the same way we make investment decisions for other client accounts with the same or similar investment strategy. However, because wrap fee programs are often offered by or connected to a broker-dealer, we will generally use that broker-dealer when placing trades for those accounts, unless we cannot achieve best execution in doing so. If we use a different broker, that broker might charge the client transaction costs in addition to those they are already paying for under the wrap fee. Our trading practices, described below under **Item 12 - Brokerage Practices**, also affect wrap fee clients.

Knightsbridge also sponsors and acts as portfolio manager in our own wrap fee program. Knightsbridge's wrap fee program is described in our Form ADV Part 2A Appendix 1 wrap fee program brochure.

## Assets Under Management

Knightsbridge manages client assets in discretionary accounts on a continuous and regular basis. As of December 31, 2017, the total amount of discretionary assets under our management was \$189.7 million.

## ITEM 5 - FEES AND COMPENSATION

### Fee Schedule

#### Investment Management Services

Knightsbridge charges advisory fees for investment management services based on a percentage of the client's total assets under management.

#### *Retail Fee Schedule*

For retail clients, we offer services per the following standard schedule:

Portfolio Value	Annual Fee	
	Equity Accounts	Balanced Accounts
\$250,000 - \$500,000	1.60%	1.20%
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	1.50%	1.10%
\$1,000,001 - \$3,000,000	1.40%	1.00%
Over \$3,000,000	1.30%	1.00%



Knightsbridge may combine related client accounts for purposes of determining fee break points. Once the client reaches a breakpoint, Knightsbridge bills all assets under management in the portfolio at the lower rate.

### *Other Fee Arrangements*

There may be certain circumstances where our standard fee schedule does not apply.

1. In all cases, Knightsbridge reserves the right to negotiate fees with clients.
2. We may reduce or waive fees for employees of the firm and their family members or other parties at our discretion.
3. With certain clients, we have negotiated a performance-based incentive fee. These clients do not pay a regular management fee to Knightsbridge, but pay a fee based on the investment performance achieved in their account. Performance-based fee arrangements are only available to clients who meet financial or sophistication requirements imposed by law. ***Item 6 – Performance-Based Fee and Side-by-Side Management*** contains more information on these requirements.
4. In some cases, Knightsbridge manages portfolios for clients of third-party advisory, consulting, or brokerage firms for a reduced fee.
5. Sometimes a client may be introduced to Knightsbridge by a solicitor. In these cases, the fee schedule in the client's agreement may be specific to that particular solicitor and may vary from our standard fee schedule. Clients will never pay a higher management fee as a result of being referred by a solicitor than if the client had come to Knightsbridge directly. For additional details about our solicitor arrangements, see ***Item 14 – Client Referrals and Other Compensation***.
6. Knightsbridge also offers investment management services through our own wrap fee program. The wrap fee program bundles fees for Knightsbridge's advisory services and customary trading and execution costs. These fees are outlined in our wrap fee program brochure, Form ADV Part 2A Appendix 1.

### *Institutional Fee Schedule*

Knightsbridge offers investment management of institutional accounts at an annual fee of 1.00%. Some accounts may be under different fee schedules honoring prior agreements.

### *Billing Method*

Knightsbridge charges fees in advance or arrears depending on the nature of the client relationship (direct relationship with Knightsbridge, third party introduction, or institutional account). At Knightsbridge's discretion, we may make exceptions to our standard billing terms.

Fees are calculated quarterly based on the portfolio value of the client's assets under management, including accrued interest, at the close of business on the last day of the prior calendar quarter. All assets in any form in the client's account are considered in determining the portfolio value, including cash balances, money market assets, equity and debt positions.

Knightsbridge will pro-rate fees for any periods where we managed the account for less than a full calendar quarter (such as the termination of an account). Fees are due no later than 30 days after the calendar quarter.

Clients generally authorize Knightsbridge to have the advisory fees withdrawn directly from their custodian account. For those custodians where Knightsbridge has the ability to debit fees, Knightsbridge will instruct the custodian to automatically withdraw our advisory fee from the client's account on a quarterly basis. The quarterly reports we send to clients disclose the amount of the fee and the fee calculation. For those custodians where Knightsbridge does not have authority to debit fees, Knightsbridge will send an invoice to the custodian displaying the amount of the fee and the fee calculation. Knightsbridge may also accommodate client requests to be billed directly.

All clients will receive brokerage statements from the custodian no less frequently than quarterly. The custodian statement will reflect the deduction of the advisory fee for those clients who authorize the advisory fees to be withdrawn directly from their custodian account. It is the client's responsibility to verify the accuracy of the fee calculation. The custodian will not determine whether the fee is properly calculated.

### *Termination of Agreements*

Either party may terminate the agreement upon ten (10) days written notice to the other party; however, the client can revoke our discretionary authority over the account at any time. The client will be responsible for paying fees for services through the effective date of termination. Clients may terminate the agreement by writing Knightsbridge at our office. Any notice shall be deemed effectively given upon actual receipt acknowledgement.

Upon notice of termination, Knightsbridge will calculate the final fees due for services provided through the date of termination. Any advisory fees that we have earned for the services provided will be due upon termination. If you paid fees in advance that were more than the amount due for services, Knightsbridge will refund any unearned fees to you. We will prorate the refund based on the effective date of termination.

### *Sub-Advisory Relationships and Wrap Programs*

The annual fees Knightsbridge receives through third party sub-advisory and wrap programs range from 0.50% to 1% of assets depending upon the program, minimum investment requirements, and asset levels. The fees Knightsbridge receives for providing investment management services do not include other fees charged by the third party adviser to the client. Fees under these programs may be billed in arrears or advance, and Knightsbridge may be paid by the third party adviser or directly by the client, depending on the program.

Clients using Knightsbridge as a sub-adviser through third party adviser or wrap fee programs may terminate our management services per the terms in the agreement, which vary by program.

## Other Fees and Expenses

Except for clients participating in a wrap fee program or where otherwise agreed upon with the client, Knightsbridge's fees do not include custodian fees. Clients pay all brokerage commissions, stock transfer fees, and/or other similar charges incurred in connection with transactions in accounts, from the assets in the account. These charges are in addition to the fees clients pay to Knightsbridge. See **Item 12 - Brokerage Practices** below for more information about the broker-dealers we use and the benefits we may receive from client transactions. Knightsbridge does not accept compensation for the sale of securities or other investment products, including asset-based sales charges.

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

Knightsbridge typically charges asset-based fees for our investment management services. Knightsbridge has also negotiated with certain clients the option of paying a performance-based incentive fee. We may only offer performance-fee arrangements to clients that meet certain internal and regulatory qualifications. Specifically, clients meeting assets under management or net worth tests of SEC Rule 205-3 under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 may elect to have assets managed by the firm on a performance compensation basis.

Knightsbridge may give advice to or take action for performance-based incentive fee accounts that differs from advice given to or action taken for other managed accounts as the investment objectives and risk tolerance for these accounts differ from other managed accounts.

Currently, performance-based fees are charged to certain direct retail clients. Incentive fees for eligible clients do not include an annual base management fee, but are charged strictly performance-based fees on a percentage of the portfolio net profits (generally 20% of profits) based on realized and unrealized gains and losses over a one year period, with losses carried forward. Performance fee rates have "high water marks" – losses are carried forward and must be made up before any performance-based incentive fees are due. Clients under these arrangements should review the fee agreement for more specifics about how the incentive fee is charged. These arrangements may create a conflict of interest for Knightsbridge as we may have incentives to allocate investment opportunities that we believe might be the most profitable to accounts charged performance-based or higher asset-based fees.

Knightsbridge has adopted policies and procedures reasonably designed to allocate investment opportunities between accounts on a fair and equitable basis over time and prevent non-suitable investments in client accounts.

## ITEM 7 - TYPES OF CLIENTS

Knightsbridge offers discretionary investment advisory services to retail and institutional clients, including individuals, high net worth individuals, trusts and estates, individual participants of retirement plans, pension and profit sharing plans, charitable organizations, and businesses. In addition, we may provide advisory services to unrelated investment companies (mutual funds).

## **Account Requirements**

Generally, Knightsbridge requires a minimum account size of \$250,000 to open an account. We may combine family accounts of retail clients to meet the account size minimum. Knightsbridge may reduce or waive the account minimum requirements at our discretion.

## **ITEM 8 - METHODS OF ANALYSIS, INVESTMENT STRATEGIES AND RISK OF LOSS**

### **Methods of Analysis**

The investment philosophy utilized in our flagship product, Opportunistic Value Equity, was originally developed by Alan T. Beimfohr in the 1980's for brokerage clients at Kidder Peabody & Co. Our current investment discipline was fully developed and our track record was fully discretionary by January 1, 1992, which became the inception date of our track record. John Prichard, CFA joined Alan Beimfohr in the research and portfolio management process in 1997. Our investment approach was conceived and developed as an attempt to increase the probabilities of outperformance and capital preservation by emphasizing market inefficiencies and investing opportunistically across a broad spectrum of market capitalization.

A key component to our philosophy is using security specific 'investment anomalies' that have a proven historical probability of outperformance. Most investment anomalies we use can be characterized by structural occurrence, forced turnover of the stock's shareholder base, lack of available information and/or negative sentiment, infrequent occurrence, unusual and/or complicated accounting, and/or low levels of Wall Street analyst following. Knightsbridge's investment team conducts internal studies and references academic research in determining investment anomalies to include in our securities research efforts.

We attempt to identify one or more of the following conditions: the presence of a "structural investment anomaly" depressing price; the presence of a "signaling investment anomaly" indicating undervaluation compared to intrinsic value; especially compelling above-consensus forward business prospects backed up by data. We like to have as many of the following positive qualities present: manageable debt load; cash generative business; alignment of management; revenue growth.

The price of a security is always the primary determinant of opportunity. We invest where valuations allow for adequate absolute returns. A reasonable starting valuation allows business cash flows, not perceptions, to ultimately drive investment results. We do not stretch for rock-bottom valuations that are often warning signs of business deterioration. We believe companies with low debt help make portfolios resistant to unforeseen crises.

We deploy capital for the long-term, in quality businesses, seeking an adequate absolute return in a tax efficient manner. We define a quality company as having: consistent profitability; decent returns on capital; no major secular pressures; little risk of obsolescence; easily manageable debt.

Our approach is all-cap in an opportunistic sense, as we invest wherever we identify investment anomalies and undervaluation. Our style is value-oriented in an absolute sense, as we endeavor to invest in stocks valued meaningfully below both current peer group levels and historical company-specific norms. In most situations, we focus on cash flow based valuation. As contrarians, we are willing to invest in stocks that are controversial and/or that are significantly out of favor among investors and/or analysts. Our resulting portfolio is a concentrated portfolio of 15 to 25 of what we consider to be our best ideas.

### *Methods of Analysis for Selecting Securities*

Our universe of stocks is determined by the presence of one or more of our identified categories of investment anomalies. The common denominator among stocks in our universe is this presence of an investment anomaly, meaning stocks we consider have all experienced some situation or event which, we believe, increases the probability of outperformance. We typically research 20 to 30 stocks within this universe at any given time.

We screen for the various anomalies used in our process utilizing a variety of different sources, including subscription publications and databases. Through these screening tools, we develop a watch list of candidates for potential inclusion in our portfolio. We then screen for valuation, favoring companies that are trading below historical norms for either the company or the peer group on a price to cash flow, revenue, earnings, and/or book basis. During this process, we also examine the capital structure of each company under consideration. Ideal candidates will have adequate cash flow to not only service debt, but pay down debt over time. We project company cash flows, revenues, earnings and book value, arriving at a price range where we estimate the stock will trade 3-4 years from time of purchase. We are only interested in selecting stocks for the portfolio when we believe that they have the potential of delivering a return of 80-100% over a 3-4 year period. We often delay purchase until we can understand or conceive the form of resolution of any issues making the company controversial or out of favor. Entry and exit points into and out of the market itself are made with consideration given to market sentiment indicators in an attempt to minimize risk and enhance return.

In evaluating fixed income securities for balanced accounts, Knightsbridge considers the financial strength of the issuer, call provisions, liquidity factors, credit derivative spreads, and bond insurance in selecting bonds for purchase. Knightsbridge relies on credit rating agencies such as Standard & Poor's and Moody's to help determine the financial strength of issuing creditors. We also use prospectuses, other relevant information from bond underwriters, and/or sources of market data to help in analysis and selection of fixed income securities. Knightsbridge may solicit bids from several underwriters (i.e. brokerages) in an effort to obtain the most attractive price/yield on purchase.

### *Investment Strategies for Managing Portfolios*

Knightsbridge manages client accounts by investing in a very limited number of securities; typically client portfolios hold 15 to 25 securities that we consider to be our best ideas. Clients should consider the risk that a very concentrated portfolio with limited diversification increases the possibility of substantial losses and depreciation of the portfolio. If the investments within the portfolio do not perform as

expected, the security's increased weight in the account will have a larger negative effect on a concentrated portfolio than in a broadly diversified portfolio.

In our core strategies, Knightsbridge uses a long-only investment approach, consistent with our investment strategy and expectations for the securities we purchase. We may use cash as a defensive tool, and at times cash or cash equivalents may be a significant portion of the client's account; and accounts can hold up to 40% or more in cash at various times. While high cash levels can help protect a client's assets during periods of market decline, there is a risk that our timing in moving to cash is unfavorable either upon exit or reentry into the market and we miss positive market moves. In addition, we generally seek to maintain some cash in client portfolios at all times so that we can invest in securities opportunistically as we identify purchase candidates without having to sell other portfolio holdings. We typically consider an account fully invested with cash levels between 5-15%. Finally, we may put cash to work in new accounts at a gradual pace and often will not fully invest accounts at inception.

Knightsbridge may recommend that qualified clients participate in securities lending programs offered by their custodians.

Knightsbridge has the option, when we believe it is desirable to do so, to trade outside of the normal stock market hours. Trading before or after these hours is risky due to the significantly reduced number of stock market participants, which affects prices, volatility and liquidity, as well as the ease with which orders are executed. When we enter stock trades after hours, there are no guarantees that we will obtain the price we want or that the order will fill at all.

## **Investing Involves Risks**

Prior to entering into an agreement with Knightsbridge, the client should carefully consider that:

1. Investing in securities involves risk of loss which clients should be prepared to bear;
2. Securities markets experience varying degrees of volatility;
3. Over time the client's assets may fluctuate and at any time be worth more or less than the amount invested; and
4. Clients should only commit assets that they feel are currently unneeded and available to Knightsbridge for investment on a long-term basis.

## **Specific Security Risks**

### *Equity Securities*

The prices of stocks and the income they generate (such as dividends) fluctuate based on, among other things, events specific to the company that issued the shares, conditions affecting the general economy and overall market changes, changes or weakness in the business sector in which the company does business, and other factors.

There may be little trading in the secondary market for particular equity securities, which may adversely affect the ability to value accurately or dispose of such equity securities. Adverse publicity and investor

perceptions, whether or not based on fundamental analysis, may decrease the value and/or liquidity of equity securities.

### *Small Capitalization Equity Securities*

Investing in smaller companies may pose additional risks as it is often more difficult to value or dispose of small company stocks, more difficult to obtain information about smaller companies, and the prices of their stocks may be more volatile than stocks of larger, more established companies. Clients should have a long-term perspective and, for example, be able to tolerate potentially sharp declines in value.

### *Securities Lending*

Securities lending involves the risk that the borrower may fail to return the lender's securities, or fail to do so in a timely manner. Securities lending activities are subject to interest rate risks and credit risks.

### *American Depositary Receipts (ADRs)*

An ADR is a stock that trades on American markets but represents a specified number of shares in a foreign corporation. Banks and brokerage firms often issue/sponsor ADRs. ADRs are subject to risks of investing in foreign securities, including, but not limited to, less complete financial information available about foreign issuers, less market liquidity, more market volatility, and political instability. In addition, currency exchange-rate fluctuations affect the U.S. dollar-value of foreign holdings. Some ADRs and ordinary shares of foreign securities pay dividends, and many foreign countries impose dividend withholding taxes. Depending on a custodian's ability to reclaim any withheld foreign taxes on dividends, taxable accounts may be able to recoup a portion of these taxes by use of the foreign tax credit. However, tax-exempt accounts, to the extent they pay any foreign withholding taxes, may not be able to utilize the foreign tax credit. Therefore, investors may be unable to recover any foreign taxes withheld on dividends of foreign securities or ADRs.

### *Debt Securities (Bonds)*

The market prices of debt securities fluctuate depending on such factors as interest rates, credit quality, and maturity. In general, market prices of debt securities decline when interest rates rise and increase when interest rates fall. The longer the time to a bond's maturity, the greater its interest rate risk.

Certain additional risk factors relating to debt securities include, but are not limited to:

#### **Reinvestment Risk**

When interest rates are declining, investors have to reinvest their interest income and any return of principal, whether scheduled or unscheduled, at lower prevailing rates.

#### **Inflation Risk**

Inflation causes tomorrow's dollar to be worth less than today's; in other words, it reduces the purchasing power of a bond investor's future interest payments and principal, collectively known as "cash flows." Inflation also leads to higher interest rates, which in turn leads to lower bond prices.



### Interest Rate and Market Risk

Debt securities may be sensitive to economic changes, political and corporate developments, and interest rate changes. Investors can also expect periods of economic change and uncertainty, which can result in increased volatility of market prices and yields of certain debt securities. For example, prices of these securities can be affected by financial contracts held by the issuer or third parties (such as derivatives) relating to the security or other assets or indices.

### Call Risk

Debt securities may contain redemption or call provisions entitling their issuers to redeem them at a specified price on a date prior to maturity. If an issuer exercises these provisions in a lower interest rate market, the account would have to replace the security with a lower yielding security, resulting in decreased income to investors.

Usually, a bond is called at or close to par value. This subjects investors that paid a premium for their bond to a risk of lost principal. In reality, prices of callable bonds are unlikely to move much above the call price if lower interest rates make the bond likely to be called.

### Credit Risk

If the issuer of a debt security defaults on its obligations to pay interest or principal or is the subject of bankruptcy proceedings, the account may incur losses or expenses in seeking recovery of amounts owed to it.

### Liquidity and Valuation Risk

There may be little trading in the secondary market for particular debt securities, which may adversely affect the account's ability to value accurately or dispose of such debt securities. Adverse publicity and investor perceptions, whether or not based on fundamental analysis, may decrease the value and/or liquidity of debt securities.

It may be possible to reduce the risks described above through diversification of the client's portfolio and by credit analysis of each issuer, as well as by monitoring broad economic trends and corporate and legislative developments, but there can be no assurance that we will be successful in doing so. Credit ratings for debt securities provided by rating agencies reflect an evaluation of the safety of principal and interest payments, not market value risk. The rating of an issuer is a rating agency's view of past and future potential developments related to the issuer and may not necessarily reflect actual outcomes. There can be a lag between the time of developments relating to an issuer and the time a rating is assigned and updated.

### High-Yield Debt

Lower rated debt securities generally have higher rates of interest and involve greater risk of default or price changes due to changes in the issuer's creditworthiness than higher rated debt securities. The market prices of these securities may fluctuate more than higher quality securities and may decline significantly in periods of general economic difficulty.



There may be little trading in the secondary market for particular debt securities, which may make them more difficult to value or sell. The prices of, and the income generated by, most debt securities held by client accounts may be affected by changing interest rates and by changes in the effective maturities and credit ratings of these securities. For example, the prices of debt securities in client accounts generally will decline when interest rates rise and increase when interest rates fall. In addition, falling interest rates may cause an issuer to redeem, “call” or refinance a security before its stated maturity, which may result in the fund having to reinvest the proceeds in lower yielding securities. Debt securities are also subject to credit risk, which is the possibility that the credit strength of an issuer will weaken and/or an issuer of a debt security will fail to make timely payments of principal or interest and the security will go into default. Longer maturity debt securities generally have higher rates of interest and may be subject to greater price fluctuations than shorter maturity debt securities.

### *Obligations Backed by the "Full Faith and Credit" of the U.S. Government*

U.S. government obligations include the following types of securities:

#### U.S. Treasury Securities

U.S. Treasury securities include direct obligations of the U.S. Treasury, such as Treasury bills, notes, and bonds. For these securities, the U.S. government unconditionally guarantees the payment of principal and interest, resulting in the highest possible credit quality. Fluctuations in interest rates subject U.S. Treasury securities to variations in market value. However, they are paid in full when held to maturity.

#### Federal Agency Securities

Certain U.S. government agencies and government-sponsored entities guarantee the timely payment of principal and interest with the backing of the full faith and credit of the U.S. government. Such agencies and entities include The Federal Financing Bank (FFB), the Government National Mortgage Association (Ginnie Mae), the Veterans Administration (VA), the Federal Housing Administration (FHA), the Export-Import Bank (Exim Bank), the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC), the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) and the Small Business Administration (SBA).

#### Other Federal Agency Obligations

Additional federal agency securities neither are direct obligations of, nor guaranteed by, the U.S. government. These obligations include securities issued by certain U.S. government agencies and government-sponsored entities. However, they generally involve some form of federal sponsorship: operating under a government charter; specific types of collateral backing; the issuer’s right to borrow from the Treasury; and/or only the credit of the issuing government agency or entity. These agencies and entities include, but are not limited to, the Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac), Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae), and the Tennessee Valley Authority and Federal Farm Credit Bank System.

### *Municipal Bonds*

Municipal bonds are debt obligations generally issued to obtain funds for various public purposes, including the construction of public facilities. Municipal bonds may pay a lower rate of return than most other types of bonds. However, because of a municipal bond’s tax-favored status, investors should

compare the relative after-tax return to the after-tax return of other bonds, depending on the investor's tax bracket. Investing in municipal bonds carries the same general risks as investing in bonds in general. Those risks include interest rate risk, reinvestment risk, inflation risk, market risk, call or redemption risk, credit risk, and liquidity and valuation risk. Investing in municipal bonds carries risk unique to these types of bonds, which may include:

### *Legislative Risk*

Legislative risk includes the risk that a change in the tax code could affect the value of taxable or tax-exempt interest income.

### *Tax-Bracket Changes*

Municipal bonds generate tax-free income, and therefore pay lower interest rates than taxable bonds. Investors who anticipate a significant drop in their marginal income-tax rate may benefit from the higher yield available from taxable bonds.

### *State-Specific Risk*

Securities issued by California municipalities are more susceptible to factors adversely affecting issuers of California securities. For example, in the past, California voters have passed amendments to the state's constitution and other measures that limit the taxing and spending authority of California governmental entities, and future voter initiatives may adversely affect California municipal bonds.

### *Securities with Equity and Debt Characteristics*

Some securities have a combination of equity and debt characteristics. These securities may at times behave more like equity than debt or vice versa. Some types of convertible bonds, preferred stocks or other preferred securities automatically convert into common stocks or other securities at a stated conversion ratio and some may be subject to redemption at the option of the issuer at a predetermined price. These securities, prior to conversion, may pay a fixed rate of interest or a dividend. Because convertible securities have both debt and equity characteristics, their values vary in response to many factors, including the values of the securities into which they are convertible, general market and economic conditions, and convertible market valuations, as well as changes in interest rates, credit spreads and the credit quality of the issuer.

These securities may include hybrid securities, which also have equity and debt characteristics. Such securities are normally at the bottom of an issuer's debt capital structure. As such, they may be more sensitive to economic changes than more senior debt securities. Investors may also view these securities as more equity-like by the market when the issuer or its parent company experience financial problems. The prices and yields of nonconvertible preferred securities or preferred stocks generally move with changes in interest rates and the issuer's credit quality, similar to the factors affecting debt securities.

### *Cash and Cash Equivalents*

Cash and cash equivalents are the most liquid of investments. Cash and cash equivalents are considered very low-risk investments meaning, there is little risk of losing the principal investment. Typically, low

risk also means low return and the interest an investor can earn on this type of investment is low relative to other types of investing vehicles.

### Exchange Traded Funds

Exchange traded funds (ETFs) are a type of investment company. An ETF represents a portfolio of securities or other assets generally designed to track a particular market index. The risks of owning ETFs generally reflect the risks of owning the underlying securities they are designed to track, although lack of liquidity in an ETF could result in it being more volatile. Management fees of ETFs may increase their costs relative to the costs of directly owning the underlying securities.

### Closed-End Funds

A closed-end fund is typically an investment company that raises money from investors through an Initial Public Offering (IPO) and whose shares are then traded on an organized exchange. Like other publicly traded securities, the price of closed-end fund shares fluctuates and is determined by supply and demand in the market place. Shares of closed-end funds may trade above (a premium) or below (a discount) to their net asset value (NAV). While open-end mutual funds continuously offer their shares to investors, closed-end funds typically have a fixed number of shares outstanding. As with any other investment, there is no guarantee of investment performance.

### Master Limited Partnerships (MLPs)

MLPs are publicly traded partnerships that trade mainly on the New York Stock Exchange and/or the NASDAQ, the same as stocks. With a few exceptions, MLPs hold and operate assets related to the transportation and storage of energy (certain MLPs may have commodity risk).

In the 1980s, Congress allowed public trading of certain types of companies as partnerships instead of as corporations. The main advantage a partnership has over a corporation is that partnerships are “pass through” entities for tax purposes. This means that the company does not pay any tax on its earnings. Distributions are still taxed, but this avoids the problem of double taxation to which most publicly traded companies are subject. Congress requires that any company designated as an MLP must produce 90% of its earnings from “qualified resources” (natural resources and real estate). Most MLPs are involved in energy infrastructure, i.e. things like pipelines. MLPs may be required to pay distributions to limited partners. A contract establishes the payments, so distributions are predictable. Otherwise, the shareholders could find the company in breach of contract.

In addition to general business risks, MLPs bear these risks:

#### *Risk of Regulation or Change*

MLPs may be attractive investment opportunities due to their tax advantaged status. Therefore, a considerable risk to these securities is if the government changes the tax treatment of MLPs, thereby removing the tax advantage of holding such securities.

### *Interest Rate Risk*

It is commonly thought that these types of investments perform better when interest rates are low, making their yield higher in relation to the safest investments, such as Treasury bills and securities that are guaranteed by the U.S. government. Consequently, MLPs may perform poorly during periods of rising or high interest rates.

### *Tax Risk*

MLPs are pass-through entities, passing earnings through to the limited partners. Investors must be aware that there are potentially significant tax implications of investing in MLPs and they should consult with their tax advisor before investing in these securities.

### *Real Estate Investment Trusts*

Securities issued by real estate investment trusts (REITs) primarily invest in real estate or real estate-related loans. Changes in the value of the underlying property of the trusts, the creditworthiness of the issuer, property taxes, interest rates, tax laws, and regulatory requirements, such as those relating to the environment all can affect the values of REITs. REITs are dependent upon management skill, the cash flows generated by their holdings, the real estate market in general, and the possibility of failing to qualify for any applicable pass-through tax treatment or failing to maintain any applicable exemptive status afforded under relevant laws.

### *Investing Outside the U.S.*

Investing outside the United States may involve additional risks of foreign investing. These risks may include currency controls and fluctuating currency values, and different accounting, auditing, financial reporting, disclosure, and regulatory and legal standards and practices. Additional factors may include changing local, regional, and global economic, political, and social conditions. Further, expropriation, changes in tax policy, greater market volatility, different securities market structures, and higher transaction costs can be contributors. Various administrative difficulties, such as delays in clearing and settling portfolio transactions or in receiving payment of dividends can also lead to additional risk.

Investments in developing countries can further heighten the risks described above. A developing country may be in the earlier stages of its industrialization cycle with a low per capita gross domestic product (“GDP”) and a low market capitalization to GDP ratio relative to those in the United States and the European Union. Historically, the markets of developing countries have been more volatile than the markets of developed countries.

Developing countries may have less developed legal and accounting systems. The governments of these countries may be more unstable and more likely to impose capital controls, nationalize a company or industry, place restrictions on foreign ownership and on withdrawing sale proceeds of securities from the country, and/or impose punitive taxes that could adversely affect security prices. In addition, the economies of these countries may be dependent on relatively few industries that are more susceptible to local and global changes. Securities markets in these countries are also relatively small and have substantially lower trading volumes. As a result, securities issued in these countries may be more volatile and less liquid than securities issued in countries with more developed economies or markets.

## ITEM 9 - DISCIPLINARY INFORMATION

Knightsbridge seeks to maintain the highest level of business professionalism, integrity, and ethics and we expect our personnel to maintain such standards as well. Knightsbridge does not have any disciplinary information to disclose.

## ITEM 10 - OTHER FINANCIAL INDUSTRY ACTIVITIES AND AFFILIATIONS

Knightsbridge does not offer any other services or have any affiliates in the financial industry.

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

### Code of Ethics

Knightsbridge believes that we owe clients the highest level of trust and fair dealing. As part of our fiduciary duty, we place the interests of our clients ahead of the interests of the firm and our personnel. We have adopted a Code of Ethics that emphasizes the high standards of conduct that Knightsbridge seeks to observe. Knightsbridge's personnel are required to conduct themselves with integrity at all times and follow the principles and policies detailed in our Code of Ethics.

Knightsbridge's Code of Ethics attempts to address specific conflicts of interest that either we have identified or that could likely arise. Knightsbridge's personnel are required to follow clear guidelines from the Code of Ethics in areas such as gifts and entertainment, other business activities, and adherence to applicable federal securities laws.

Knightsbridge will provide a complete copy of the Code of Ethics to any client or prospective client upon request.

### Personal Trading Practices

Individuals who make securities recommendations to clients, or who have access to nonpublic information regarding any clients' purchase or sale of securities, are subject to personal trading policies governed by the Code of Ethics. Knightsbridge or our personnel may trade in securities for our own accounts. The securities we trade in may be the same securities we recommend to clients, or they may be securities that do not meet the criteria of our investment process or we do not feel are appropriate for clients. We may also trade in related securities (e.g., warrants, options, or futures). Our personal trading practices present a potential conflict of interest as we may have an incentive to take investment opportunities from clients for our own benefit, favor our personal accounts over client accounts when allocating trades, or to use the information about the transactions we intend to make for clients to our personal benefit by trading ahead of clients.

Our policies to address these conflicts include the following:

1. We seek to always put the best interests of clients first and to never place our interests ahead of clients.
2. Knightsbridge prohibits trading in a manner that takes personal advantage of our knowledge of client transactions.
3. Knightsbridge personnel must request pre-clearance from our Chief Compliance Officer if they wish to purchase or sell a security that is commonly owned by Knightsbridge clients, that is being considered for purchase or sale by Knightsbridge, or is an IPO or limited offering. Direct obligations of the U.S. government, some short-term debt securities and CDs, money market funds, and certain mutual funds do not need to be pre-cleared.
4. Knightsbridge has implemented a trading rotation policy for placing trades. If Knightsbridge is managing accounts for our personnel and wishes to include personal accounts in the same trading exercise as clients, trades of our personnel are placed last in the rotation. If a security being traded is common only to strategies where all client and employee accounts are with the same custodian, we may execute client and employee accounts together in the same block. Because the price of securities fluctuates during the day, we could trade in a security on the same day as a client and receive a better or worse price than the client's price. Any difference in the prices we receive is never the result of our intentionally trading ahead of clients.
5. Conflicts of interest also may arise when Knightsbridge personnel have access to Limited Offerings or IPOs, including private placements or public or private offerings of interests in limited partnerships or any thinly traded securities, as a result of their position with Knightsbridge. Given the inherent potential for conflict in connection with Limited Offerings and IPOs, Knightsbridge personnel are required to obtain pre-approval from our Chief Compliance Officer before trading in these types of securities.
6. Because these policies are intended to protect the interests of clients, we may make exceptions where we feel clients would not be harmed.

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

Cross transactions may create a conflict of interest. At times, a client may need to sell a security that we think is a good fit for another client's account. In this case, we may internally cross the security from the account of the selling client to the buying client's account. We will only engage in such a transaction when the proposed transaction is in the best interests of both clients. We do not "dump" a security into a client's portfolio just because another client needs to sell, nor do we decide to sell a security from one client's account just because another client needs a similar security. Usually, this situation arises with fixed income securities where both clients benefit through better pricing by crossing the security instead of going into the open market to complete separate transactions.

All internal cross transactions will be priced at the independent current market price of the security. We will also take into account any additional fees charged to cross the security to ensure that the transaction is still appropriate for both clients. Transaction fees may be split between the clients participating in the cross trade or the whole fee may be charged to the client on one side of the trade.

Cross trades are an exception to Knightsbridge's normal operating procedures and can only be effected when it is of conspicuous advantage to both accounts in the absence of appropriate and comparable alternatives. Knightsbridge does not act as agent through a broker-dealer for any cross transactions effected for clients, and will never receive any commissions or other compensation for these trades (other than our normal advisory fees for managing the accounts).

## **ITEM 12 - BROKERAGE PRACTICES**

### **The Custodians We Use**

Clients open one or more accounts in their own name at an independent qualified custodian (generally a broker-dealer, bank, trust company, or other financial institution). Many times, clients have an established custodian relationship in place. For clients in need of custodial services, Knightsbridge may provide the names of certain custodians as options for the client to consider, typically Fidelity Institutional Wealth Services ("Fidelity") and Schwab Advisor Services ("Schwab"). Knightsbridge receives brokerage and research services from the custodians we recommend that assist us in managing and administering our clients' accounts, as well as other services such as educational conferences and events and various publications from the custodians. In recommending these custodians, we may consider the research and brokerage services that the custodian offers to Knightsbridge. However, clients are not under any obligation to custody their assets with any custodian we recommend. All clients are free to select the custodian of their choice and Knightsbridge will endeavor to work with any custodian of the client's choosing, provided the custodian can meet Knightsbridge's requirements for portfolio administration (i.e., online access to the account, custodial data feeds, and electronic trading capabilities). The client will enter into a separate agreement with the custodian to custody the assets. Knightsbridge is independently owned and operated and not affiliated with any broker-dealer or custodian.

### **Factors Considered in Selecting Broker-Dealers for Client Transactions**

Typically, when a broker such as Fidelity, Schwab, or others holds the client's account, the custodian generally does not charge separately for custody services. Instead, the custodian receives compensation by charging commissions or other fees on trades that it executes or that settle into clients' accounts. In addition to commissions, the custodians generally charge a flat dollar amount as a "prime broker" or "trade away" fee for each trade that is executed by a different broker-dealer but where the securities bought or the funds from the securities sold are deposited (settled) into a client's custodian account. These fees are in addition to the commissions or other compensation the client pays the executing broker-dealer. In order to minimize trading costs for clients that would incur such "trade away" fees, Knightsbridge generally places trades with the client's custodian. We have determined that having the custodian execute most trades is consistent with our duty to seek "best execution" for those clients' trades. Otherwise, unless requested by the client to place all or a portion of the client's trades through a particular broker



(see ***Directed Brokerage*** in this Item below), Knightsbridge will have discretion to select broker-dealers to execute client transactions.

In the case of accounts where Knightsbridge has the discretion to choose the broker for the execution of client transactions, Knightsbridge considers several factors in evaluating broker-dealers. Factors that Knightsbridge might consider include pricing, efficiency and accuracy of execution, error resolution ability, block trading capabilities, willingness to execute related or unrelated difficult transactions in the future, promptness of confirmation, access to trading desk, availability of research, online access to client account data, ease of navigating system, and other matters involved in the receipt of brokerage services generally. In evaluating bond brokers, we might alternatively consider bid response time, access to trading desk, competitiveness of pricing, and consistency of bonds shown to the types requested.

Knightsbridge monitors transaction results over time to evaluate the quality of execution provided by the various broker-dealers we use to determine that commission rates are competitive, and otherwise to evaluate the reasonableness of the compensation paid to those broker-dealers in light of the factors described above. Where Knightsbridge has discretion to select the broker utilized for client accounts, Knightsbridge will use reasonable efforts to negotiate commission rates for clients based on such factors as size of the account or price of the security traded. As a result, different clients may pay different commission rates.

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

Subject to the policy of seeking best execution for transactions, and also subject to the criteria of Section 28(e) of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 (“Section 28(e)”), Knightsbridge may, in circumstances where we have brokerage discretion and in which execution is comparable, place trades with a broker that is providing brokerage and research services to Knightsbridge (“Research Broker”).

In selecting a Research Broker, Knightsbridge will make a good faith determination that the amount of the commission charged is reasonable relative to the value of the brokerage and research services received, viewed in terms of either the specific transactions or Knightsbridge’s overall responsibility to the accounts for which we exercise investment discretion. Subject to Section 28(e), Knightsbridge may place a trade with a Research Broker that charges a brokerage commission in excess of that which another broker might have charged for effecting the same transaction, in recognition of the value of the brokerage and/or research services provided by the broker. This practice is commonly referred to as “soft dollars.”

Brokerage and research services provided by Research Brokers may include, among other things, effecting securities transactions and performing incidental services (such as clearance, settlement and custody) and providing information regarding the economy, industries, sectors of securities, individual companies, statistical information, taxation, political developments, legal developments, technical market action, pricing and appraisal services, credit analysis, risk measurement analysis and performance analysis. Such research services can be received in the form of written reports, telephone conversations, personal meetings with security analysts and/or individual company management, and attending conferences. When we use client brokerage commissions to obtain research or other products or services, we receive a benefit because we do not have to produce or pay for the research, products, or services.



Knightsbridge believes it is imperative to our investment decision-making process to have access to this type of research and brokerage.

Currently, Knightsbridge utilizes Charles Schwab, Fidelity, and Instinet as research brokers. Research is available to Knightsbridge due to the fact that certain clients have their assets custodied with these firms, through trade executions or soft dollar arrangements. Soft dollar arrangements are based on a system of research “credits” that accrue to us based on the amount of client commissions that the broker receives for executing client transactions that we direct to the broker. We can then use these credits to purchase the research we desire. The research services provided by a Research Broker may be proprietary and/or provided by a third party (i.e. originates from a party independent from the broker providing the execution services). When evaluating soft dollar arrangements, Knightsbridge considers the dollar value of the research we will receive under the arrangement and reviews that commission rates clients will pay appear reasonable. We generally monitor on a monthly basis the credits we have accrued with each broker and the dollar value of the research we receive from that broker. Over time and in keeping with our standards of best execution, we direct trades to these brokers to reach our research credit obligations.

Research services provided by Research Brokers may be used by Knightsbridge in servicing any or all of our clients, and may be used in connection with clients other than those making the payment of commissions to a Research Broker, as permitted by Section 28(e). In other words, there may be certain client accounts that benefit from the research services, which did not make the payment of commissions to the Research Broker providing the services. The receipt of brokerage and research services from any broker executing transactions for Knightsbridge’s clients will not result in a reduction of Knightsbridge’s customary and normal research activities, and the value of such information is, in Knightsbridge’s view, indeterminable. Nevertheless, the receipt of such research, although customary, may be deemed to create a conflict of interest between Knightsbridge and our clients and may give us an incentive to select or recommend a broker-dealer based on our interest in receiving the research or other products and services, rather than on our clients’ interest in receiving most favorable execution. Therefore, Knightsbridge feels it is important for clients to be aware of the issues surrounding “soft dollars.”

There may be cases when Knightsbridge receives both non-research (e.g. administrative or accounting services etc.) and research benefits from the services provided by the Research Brokers. If and when this occurs, Knightsbridge will make a good faith allocation between the non-research and research portion of the services received, and will pay “hard dollars” (i.e. Knightsbridge will pay with our own money) for the non-research portion. In making a good faith allocation between research services and non-research services, a conflict of interest may exist by reason of Knightsbridge’s allocation of the costs of such services and benefits between those that primarily benefit Knightsbridge and those that primarily benefit clients. Knightsbridge seeks to always put the client’s interests first.

### *Directed Brokerage*

Clients who direct Knightsbridge to use a particular broker-dealer for all or a portion of the trading in their account may pay higher transaction charges. Under these circumstances, Knightsbridge may not have authority to negotiate commissions or obtain volume discounts, and best execution may not be achieved. Clients should further understand that when they direct Knightsbridge to use a specific broker,

disparity in transaction charges might exist between the transaction costs charged to other clients. Knightsbridge may not be able to aggregate orders to reduce transaction costs, and clients who direct Knightsbridge to use a particular broker-dealer may receive less favorable prices. In addition, clients may be affected by our trading rotation practices, described below. Any client providing instructions to Knightsbridge regarding direction of brokerage transactions must notify Knightsbridge in writing if the client desires Knightsbridge to cease executing transactions with or through a particular broker-dealer.

Wrap fee accounts are similar to a directed brokerage arrangement. Because wrap fee programs are often offered by or connected to a designated broker-dealer, we will generally use that wrap broker when placing trades for those accounts. If we used a different broker, the client would incur transaction costs in addition to the wrap fee. Under these circumstances, it is therefore possible that the client may not receive the best overall execution on trades through the designated wrap broker. Because the wrap fee charged by the designated wrap broker to the client is based upon assets and not transactions, Knightsbridge will not seek to negotiate lower commission rates on individual transactions or attempt to obtain discounted rates where the client's transaction is combined with those of other clients and traded as a "block." Consequently, depending upon the amount of the fee and the level of trading and services rendered to the client, the total fees the client pays under a wrap fee program may be more or less than the client would have paid if advisory and transaction related fees had been negotiated separately.

## **Aggregation and Allocation of Transactions**

Knightsbridge may aggregate orders for clients in the same securities in an effort to seek best execution, negotiate more favorable commission rates, and/or allocate differences in prices equitably among our clients.

Based on our management process and the securities we recommend, there may be times where we cannot or choose not to aggregate client trades or where trading opportunity for a particular security is limited. Knightsbridge may choose not to implement or aggregate a security purchase across all strategies for which the security is appropriate if, in our view, implementing the trade in certain strategies would not be in the best interest of clients in those strategies at that time, based on market circumstances or other considerations. For example, this situation may arise where a desired security purchase would require selling other holdings in a strategy. In these cases, we may decide to only implement the purchase for client and employee accounts in other strategies that did not require a sale of portfolio holdings. In all circumstances, Knightsbridge attempts in good faith to allocate trades and investment opportunities among clients in a manner that, over time, is equitable to all our clients.

When aggregating orders and placing trades for managed accounts, Knightsbridge will observe the following procedures:

1. We will not aggregate transactions unless we believe that aggregation is consistent with our duty to seek best execution for our clients.
2. No client account will be favored over any other client account within a trading block.

3. Each account that participates in an aggregated transaction will participate at the average of the executed share price for that transaction.
4. Knightsbridge has implemented a trading rotation when placing trades for each new aggregated trade.
  - a. *Accounts accessed through the Financial Information eXchange (“FIX®”).* Orders can be sent electronically to brokers from Knightsbridge’s execution management system.
  - b. *Accounts not FIX® enabled (i.e., trading via proprietary websites or phone calls to brokers).* Certain arrangements (i.e., third party wrap programs or client directed brokerage arrangements) may require Knightsbridge to place trades on a system separate from our regular trading system, which creates operational inefficiency in trading these accounts, increasing the time it takes us to enter and complete trades. We trade these brokers after others in the client rotation because the trading delays could negatively affect other clients who do not have these restrictions. We have found this practice is consistent with other investment advisers.
  - c. *Knightsbridge employee accounts.* Trades in accounts for Knightsbridge personnel will be placed after the client groups above. If the security being traded is common only to strategies where all client and employee accounts are with the same custodian, we may execute client and employee accounts together in the same block.
  - d. *Restricted client accounts.* Knightsbridge may exclude accounts in which clients have placed restrictions from the aggregated order to allow for additional time to review whether the particular transaction would result in a violation of the client restriction. Consequently, the account will not benefit from any price or commission advantages that may have been achieved through aggregation. The account will be traded after other accounts and may receive an execution price that is higher or lower than aggregated accounts.
5. We will allocate each transaction in writing prior to the time an order is transmitted to a broker for execution (Pre Allocation Order). In rare circumstances where timing is critical and we determine it would be in clients’ best interests to promptly begin trading, we may transact in a security without a Pre Allocation Order. In such circumstances, allocations will be determined within four hours of beginning the trading exercise.
6. If the aggregated transaction is filled entirely, it will be allocated among the accounts listed on the Pre Allocation Order. If the order is partially filled, we will allocate it on a random basis.
7. If we determine that a random allocation is not appropriate under the particular circumstances, we will base the allocation on other relevant factors as follows:

- a. We may allocate on a pro-rata basis. In cases when a pro-rata allocation of a potential execution would result in a *de minimis* allocation in one or more accounts, Knightsbridge may follow an alternative procedure below;
- b. When only a small percentage of the order is executed, with respect to purchase allocations, allocations may be given to accounts high in cash;
- c. With respect to sale allocations, allocations may be given to accounts low in cash;
- d. We may allocate shares to the account with the smallest order, or to the smallest position, or to an account that is out of line with respect to security or sector weightings, relative to other portfolios with similar mandates;
- e. We may allocate to one account when that account has limitations in its investment guidelines prohibiting it from purchasing other securities that we expect to produce similar investment results and that can be purchased by other accounts in the block;
- f. If an account reaches an investment guideline limit and cannot participate in an allocation, we may reallocate shares to other accounts. For example, this may be due to unforeseen changes in an account's assets after an order is placed;
- g. We will document the reasons for any deviation from a random allocation.

## ITEM 13 - REVIEW OF ACCOUNTS

### Account Reviews

All client accounts are reviewed on a number of levels. Knightsbridge's portfolio managers are responsible for determining overall investment strategy and making security selection decisions. The investment team, including the firm's portfolio managers and research analysts, meets regularly to review buy and sale candidates and any overall changes to investment policy. Account managers are responsible for implementing the portfolio strategies for clients based on the restrictions and guidelines of each account.

Knightsbridge uses a portfolio management system which incorporates restrictions and portfolio guidelines for client accounts. Knightsbridge's portfolio administrators work with the account managers to monitor client accounts for compliance with the guidelines. Client accounts will be reviewed by the account managers if they are out of balance with the portfolio strategy or other account guidelines, with material account deposits or withdrawals, or upon changes to the client's investment objectives or restrictions.

Additionally, Knightsbridge's portfolio managers meet regularly and as needed to review all accounts, including risk exposure and performance of all portfolios. As part of this review process, a report is prepared which includes market value, cash, security position percentage, and performance information for each account.

## Account Reporting

On a quarterly basis, clients in direct management relationships with Knightsbridge receive a written statement of account performance for their discretionary accounts under our management, generally along with written commentary discussing market environment and important shifts in sentiment, valuation and outlook. Knightsbridge may also provide additional reporting as agreed upon with the client on a case-by-case basis. Additionally, the custodian of client assets will provide statements at least quarterly which detail account securities holdings and account cash flows. Transaction confirmations will be provided by the clearing broker.

When Knightsbridge manages the client's account under a third party sub-advisory or wrap fee program, Knightsbridge does not customarily provide individual reporting to the client.

## ITEM 14 - CLIENT REFERRALS AND OTHER COMPENSATION

### Brokerage Support Products and Services

We receive an economic benefit from broker-dealers/custodians in the form of the support products and services they make available to us and other independent investment advisors whose clients maintain their accounts at the custodian. These products and services, how they benefit us, and the related conflicts of interest are described above (see *Item 12 – Brokerage Practices*). We do not base particular investment advice, such as buying particular securities for our clients, on the brokerage products and services available to us.

### Solicitor Arrangements

If an unaffiliated solicitor introduces a client to Knightsbridge, that solicitor will disclose the nature of the solicitor relationship with Knightsbridge at the time of the solicitation. In addition, either Knightsbridge or the solicitor will provide each prospective client with a copy of this brochure, and a copy of the written statement disclosing the terms and conditions of the arrangement between Knightsbridge and the solicitor, including the compensation the solicitor will receive from Knightsbridge.

## ITEM 15 - CUSTODY

Knightsbridge has limited custody of clients' funds or securities in situations where clients authorize us to deduct our management fees directly from the client's account. A qualified custodian (generally a broker-dealer, bank, trust company, or other financial institution) holds clients' funds and securities –

Knightsbridge does not act as custodian for any client. Clients will receive statements directly from their qualified custodian at least quarterly. The statements will reflect the client's funds and securities held with the qualified custodian as well as any transactions that occurred in the account, including the deduction of Knightsbridge's fee. Clients should carefully review the account statements they receive from their qualified custodian. When clients receive statements from Knightsbridge as well as from the qualified custodian, clients should compare these two reports carefully. Clients with any questions about their statements should contact us at the address or phone number on the cover of this brochure. Clients who do not receive their statement from their qualified custodian at least quarterly should also notify us.

## ITEM 16 - INVESTMENT DISCRETION

Knightsbridge has full discretion to decide the specific security to trade, the quantity, and the timing of transactions for client accounts. Knightsbridge will not contact clients before placing trades in their account, but clients will receive confirmations directly from the broker for any trades placed. Clients grant us discretionary authority in the contracts they sign with us or with their adviser (in a sub-adviser relationship), or the program sponsor (in a wrap fee arrangement). Clients also give us trading authority over their accounts when they sign the custodian paperwork. Clients may revoke our discretionary authority at any time.

Certain client-imposed conditions may limit Knightsbridge's discretionary authority, such as where the client prohibits transactions in specific security types or directs Knightsbridge to execute transactions through specific broker-dealers. See also *Item 4 - Tailored Services and Client Imposed Restrictions* and *Item - 12 Brokerage Practices*, above.

In addition, on occasion we may, at our sole discretion, offer assistance to clients on a non-discretionary basis.

## ITEM 17 - VOTING CLIENT SECURITIES

### Proxy Voting

Knightsbridge generally votes proxies for securities in managed accounts, unless that authority is retained by the client. In cases where Knightsbridge is responsible to vote proxies on securities held in a client's account, Knightsbridge has adopted policies and procedures in an effort to ensure that all votes are cast in the best interests of our clients and that the proper documentation is maintained relating to how the proxies were voted. Our policies and procedures are summarized as follows:

- We make every effort to ensure that we vote shares in the best interest of clients/beneficiaries and the value of the investment.
- Absent special circumstances, our policy is to exercise our proxy voting discretion according to written pre-determined proxy voting guidelines ("Proxy Voting Guidelines"). The Proxy Voting Guidelines are applicable to the voting of domestic and global proxies.
- Knightsbridge may subscribe to the services of unaffiliated third party proxy vendors that provide written vote recommendations/guidelines, proxy voting, and administrative and record-keeping assistance.
- Clients typically may not direct our vote for a particular solicitation in cases where Knightsbridge otherwise has proxy voting responsibility.
- In cases where sole proxy voting authority rests with Knightsbridge for plans governed by ERISA, Knightsbridge will vote proxies in accordance with our Proxy Voting Guidelines unless

clients provide the plan's governing documents that outline otherwise, subject to the fiduciary responsibility standards of ERISA.

- If Knightsbridge becomes aware of any type of potential or actual conflict of interest relating to a proxy proposal, Knightsbridge will promptly document the conflict and may handle the conflict in a number of ways depending on the type and materiality. The method selected by Knightsbridge will depend upon the facts and circumstances of each situation and the requirements of applicable laws and will always be handled in the client(s)' best interest.
- Knightsbridge may also choose not to vote proxies in certain situations or for certain accounts; for example, (1) where a client has retained the right to vote the proxies, (2) where Knightsbridge deems that the cost of voting the proxy would exceed any anticipated benefit to the client, (3) where a proxy is received for a client account that has been terminated, (4) where a proxy is received for a security Knightsbridge no longer manages, (5) when there is not enough information to render an informed decision, or (6) when the terms of a securities lending agreement prevent us from voting a loaned security.

A copy of Knightsbridge's current Proxy Voting Policies & Procedures is attached at the end of this brochure. Clients may obtain information on how their proxies were voted by contacting Knightsbridge at the principal office and place of business indicated on the cover page of this brochure. In their request, clients should include their name, and the account and security for which they are making the request.

## **Class Actions**

A securities "class action" lawsuit is a civil suit brought by one or more individuals ("Plaintiffs") on behalf of themselves and others who have the same grievance against the issuer of a certain security. When a class action is filed, a written notice of filing and/or settlement is prepared (the "Notice"), which outlines the reasons for the lawsuit, the parameters for qualification as a member of the class and certain legal rights that need to be considered before becoming a member of the class (i.e. participating in the settlement). In addition, the Notice will contain instructions issued by the court or broker/dealers and/or other nominees (e.g. custodians) who receive the Notice and who hold the security on behalf of the owner/beneficiary, to either (1) provide the Claims Administrator (usually the attorney for the Plaintiffs) with the name and address of each such owner/beneficiary so the Claims Administrator can send the Notice directly to such owner/beneficiary, or (2) request additional copies of the Notice and send the Notice directly to the owner/beneficiary. In addition to the owner/beneficiary, Knightsbridge generally also receives notification of a class action.

In cases where Knightsbridge is responsible for filing class actions on behalf of clients, we will first determine whether we believe that a filing is in the best interest of clients. If Knightsbridge deems that participation in the class action is in the best interest of the client, Knightsbridge will complete the necessary forms and submit the claim on the client's behalf. In many cases, Knightsbridge can submit one claim covering all clients whose assets are held with a particular custodian. Knightsbridge may subscribe to the services of an unaffiliated third party class action vendor that completes the forms and submits the



claims. Vendors are generally compensated by withholding a percentage of the award, thereby reducing the amount received by the client.

Knightsbridge will typically not act to file a class action claim for securities:

1. held in the client's account at the direction of the client;
2. held in the client's account that were not purchased by Knightsbridge;
3. that were in a client's portfolio while not under Knightsbridge's management; or
4. held in an account no longer under Knightsbridge's management.

This policy has been adopted to reflect that Knightsbridge was not responsible for recommending or managing these positions.

## **ITEM 18 - FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Registered investment advisers are required in this item to provide clients with certain financial information or disclosures about the firm's financial condition if the adviser requires the prepayment of more than \$1,200 in fees per client, six months or more in advance. Knightsbridge does not require such prepayment and does not foresee any financial condition that is reasonably likely to impair our ability to meet contractual commitments to clients; consequently, no additional financial disclosure is required.



## **Knightsbridge Asset Management, LLC PRIVACY NOTICE**

Consistent with the Securities and Exchange Commission adoption of Regulation S-P, the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, which restricts the disclosure of “non-public personal information” pertaining to consumers (customers or clients) by financial institutions, the following pertains.

Knightsbridge Asset Management, LLC (“Knightsbridge”) may collect non-public information pertaining to clients from various sources in the process of managing client portfolios. Knightsbridge may collect the following kinds of confidential personal information about clients: 1) information we receive from the client on applications or other forms, such as name, address, phone number, social security number, occupation, assets, income and other financial and family information; 2) information about the client’s transactions with us or with brokerages, banks and custodians with whom the client holds investment or cash accounts, including account numbers, holdings, balances, transaction history and other financial and investment activities. We may receive this information from the client and/or a third-party through various agreements, applications, and other documents, as a result of client security transactions or as information divulged orally. All non-public information pertaining to clients, regardless of source, will be treated confidentially.

Knightsbridge does not sell or disclose any non-public information regarding current or former clients without client authorization, except as permitted by law or in direct response to inquiries from governmental authorities. Information may also be disclosed to unaffiliated third parties (such as custodians, brokers, accountants, pension administrators or attorneys) when requested by the client or as required or permitted by law and only as needed in the discharge of our professional duties and service to clients.

Knightsbridge restricts access to a client’s non-public personal information to those employees who need to know that information to provide products or services to the client. Knightsbridge maintains physical, electronic, and procedural safeguards to guard client’s non-public personal information.

If, at any time in the future, it is necessary to disclose a client’s personal information in a way that differs with this policy, we will provide advance notice of the proposed change and the opportunity to opt out of such disclosure.

# **Knightsbridge Asset Management, LLC PROXY VOTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

January 1, 2017

These policies and procedures, which may be amended from time to time, apply to the voting of proxies by Knightsbridge Asset Management, LLC (“Knightsbridge”) for accounts over which we have proxy-voting authority. These policies and procedures, as dated above, supersede all previously dated versions.

## **SECTION 1 - PROXY VOTING GUIDELINES**

The fundamental guideline followed by Knightsbridge in voting proxies is to make every effort to ensure that the manner in which shares are voted is in the best interest of clients/beneficiaries and the value of the investment. Absent special circumstances of the types described below, it is the policy of Knightsbridge to exercise our proxy voting discretion in accordance with the guidelines set forth in **Exhibit A** (“Proxy Voting Guidelines”). The Proxy Voting Guidelines are applicable to the voting of domestic and global proxies. Any changes to the Proxy Voting Guidelines must be pre-approved by the Chief Compliance Officer (“CCO”).

## **SECTION 2 - APPLICATION OF PROXY VOTING GUIDELINES**

It is intended that the Proxy Voting Guidelines will be applied with a measure of flexibility. Accordingly, except as otherwise provided in these policies and procedures, the Responsible Voting Party may vote a proxy contrary to the Proxy Voting Guidelines if it is determined that such action is in the best interests of the clients/beneficiaries. In exercising such voting discretion, the Responsible Voting Party may take into account a wide array of factors relating to the matter under consideration, the nature of the proposal, and the company involved. Similarly, poor past performance, uncertainties about management and future directions, and other factors may lead to a conclusion that particular proposals by an issuer present unacceptable investment risks and should not be supported. In addition, the proposals should be evaluated in context. For example, a particular proposal may be acceptable standing alone, but objectionable when part of an existing or proposed package, such as where the effect may be to entrench management. Special circumstances or instructions from clients may also justify casting different votes for different clients/beneficiaries with respect to the same proxy vote.

The Responsible Voting Party will document the rationale for any proxy voted contrary to the Proxy Voting Guidelines. Such information will be maintained by Knightsbridge as part of the recordkeeping process.

## **SECTION 3 - ERISA ACCOUNTS**

Plans governed by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (“ERISA”), are to be administered consistent with the terms of the governing plan documents and applicable provisions of ERISA. In cases where sole proxy voting discretion rests with Knightsbridge, the foregoing policies and procedures will be followed, subject to the fiduciary responsibility standards of ERISA. These standards generally require fiduciaries to act prudently and to discharge their duties solely in the interests of

participants and beneficiaries. The Department of Labor has indicated that the voting decisions of ERISA fiduciaries must generally focus on the course that would most likely increase the value of the stock being voted.

The documents governing ERISA individual account plans may set forth various procedures for voting “employer securities” held by the plan. Where authority over the investment of plan assets is granted to plan participants, many individual account plans provide that proxies for employer securities will be voted in accordance with directions received from plan participants as to shares allocated to their plan accounts. In some cases, the governing plan documents may further provide that unallocated shares and/or allocated shares for which no participant directions are received will be voted in accordance with a proportional voting method in which such shares are voted proportionately in the same manner as are allocated shares for which directions from participants have been received. Consistent with Labor Department positions, it is the policy of Knightsbridge to follow the provisions of a plan’s governing documents in the voting of employer securities, unless we determine that to do so would breach our fiduciary duties under ERISA.

## **SECTION 4 - CLOSED-END AND OPEN-END MUTUAL FUNDS**

Proxies of closed-end and open-end registered management investment companies will be voted subject to any applicable investment restrictions of the fund and, to the extent applicable, in accordance with any resolutions or other instructions approved by authorized persons of the fund.

## **SECTION 5 - OTHER SPECIAL SITUATIONS**

Knightsbridge may choose not to vote proxies in certain situations or for certain accounts, such as: 1) where a client has informed Knightsbridge that it wishes to retain the right to vote the proxy, Knightsbridge will instruct the custodian to send the proxy material directly to the client, 2) where Knightsbridge deems the cost of voting would exceed any anticipated benefit to the client, 3) where a proxy is received for a client account that has been terminated with Knightsbridge, 4) where a proxy is received for a security Knightsbridge no longer manages (i.e. Knightsbridge had previously sold the entire position), 5) when Knightsbridge deems there is not enough information to render an informed decision, and/or 6) where the exercise of voting rights could restrict the ability of an account’s portfolio manager to freely trade the security in question (as is the case, for example, in certain foreign jurisdictions known as “blocking markets”).

In addition, if any accounts over which Knightsbridge has proxy-voting discretion participate in securities lending programs administered by the custodian or a third party, Knightsbridge will be unable to vote any security that is out on loan to a borrower because title to loaned securities passes to the borrower. If Knightsbridge has investment discretion over such account(s), however, we reserve the right to instruct the lending agent to terminate a loan in situations where the matter to be voted upon is deemed to be material to the investment and the benefits of voting the security are deemed to outweigh the costs of terminating the loan.

## SECTION 6 - CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Knightsbridge may occasionally be subject to conflicts of interest in the voting of proxies due to business or personal relationships we maintain with persons having an interest in the outcome of certain votes. For example, Knightsbridge and/or one of our employees may occasionally have business or personal relationships with other proponents of proxy proposals, participants in proxy contests, corporate directors or candidates for directorships.

If at any time, the Responsible Voting Party becomes aware of any type of potential or actual conflict of interest relating to a particular proxy proposal, he/she will promptly document and handle such conflict in accordance with the following:

1. Where the Proxy Voting Guidelines outline Knightsbridge's voting position, as either "for" or "against" such proxy proposal, voting will be in accordance with Knightsbridge's Proxy Voting Guidelines.
2. Where the Proxy Voting Guidelines outline Knightsbridge's voting position to be determined on a "case by case" basis for such proxy proposal, or such proposal is not listed in the Proxy Voting Guidelines, then one of the two following methods will be selected by Knightsbridge depending upon the facts and circumstances of each situation and the requirements of applicable law:
  - a. Voting the proxy in accordance with the voting recommendation of a non-affiliated third party vendor.
  - b. Voting the proxy pursuant to client direction.

## SECTION 7 - VOTING RESPONSIBILITY

Knightsbridge may subscribe to the services of unaffiliated third party proxy vendors that provide written vote recommendations/guidelines for Knightsbridge's core holdings and administrative and record-keeping assistance. Knightsbridge's Principals or their designee have the responsibility for casting votes on proxies received by Knightsbridge (the "Responsible Voting Party") and will vote such proxies based on the Proxy Voting Guidelines and vote recommendations of any third party vendor.

## SECTION 8 - PROXY VOTING RECORDS

Knightsbridge will maintain the following records under these policies and procedures:

1. A copy of all policies and procedures.
2. A copy of each proxy statement Knightsbridge receives regarding client's securities.
3. A record of each vote cast by Knightsbridge on behalf of a client.

4. A copy of any document created by Knightsbridge that was material to making a decision on how to vote proxies on behalf of a client or that memorialize the basis for that decision.
5. A copy of each written client request for information on how Knightsbridge voted proxies on behalf of the requesting client, and a copy of any written response by Knightsbridge to any (written or oral) client request for information on how Knightsbridge voted proxies on behalf of the requesting client.

The foregoing records will be retained for such period of time as is required to comply with applicable laws and regulations. Knightsbridge may rely on one or more third parties to create and retain the records referred to in these policies.

## **SECTION 9 - CLIENT DISCLOSURES**

A copy of these policies and procedures will be provided to clients upon request. In addition, copies of the above outlined records, as they relate to particular clients, will be provided to those clients upon request.

It is generally Knightsbridge's policy not to disclose our proxy voting records to unaffiliated third parties or special interest groups.

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## **EXHIBIT A**

### **PROXY VOTING GUIDELINES**

#### **Vote For:**

- Routine business decisions.
- Reverse anti-takeover amendments.
- Auditors.
- Directors (however, if we are voting against a management proposal, then the vote may be withheld for Directors).
- Stronger corporate governance measures.
- Shareholder right to act independently of management.
- Restricted stock in lieu of stock options.
- Performance based compensation.
- Separation of the Chairman and CEO roles.

#### **Vote Against:**

- Reincorporation to facilitate takeover defense.
- Issue of new class of common stock with unequal voting rights.
- Adoption of fair price amendments.
- Establishment of a classified Board of Directors.
- Elimination of cumulative voting.
- Establishing or increasing preferred stock.
- Other anti-takeover amendments.
- Weaker corporate governance measures.
- Indemnification of Directors.
- Elimination or limitation of Director's liability.

#### **Abstain:**

- Advisory vote on executive compensation.

#### **Consider Individually:**

- Increase in authorized common stock.
- Establish or increase stock option plan (company must present argument for option plans containing over ten percent of the company's outstanding shares).
- Reorganization and merger agreements.
- Dissident proxy battle.
- Other employee compensation plans.
- Contested election of directors.
- Proposals not specified above.