



**FIRELAKE CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LLC**

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**This brochure provides information about the qualifications and business practices of Firelake Capital Management LLC (“Firelake”). If you have any questions about the contents of this brochure, please contact us at (650) 321-0880. The information in this brochure has not been approved or verified by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission or by any state securities authority.**

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

**In this brochure, Firelake refers to itself as a registered investment adviser. This means that Firelake is registered as an investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended (the “Advisers Act”). Advisers Act registration does not and should not be read to imply a certain level of skill or training.**

## **ITEM 2 – MATERIAL CHANGES**

There have been no material changes to the information included in this brochure since the last annual update on March 30, 2012.

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## **ITEM 4 – ADVISORY BUSINESS**

The adviser, Firelake Capital Management LLC (“Firelake”), provides investment management and advisory services for Firelake investment funds (“Client Funds”) that are organized to make investments in public and private companies (“Portfolio Companies”). Each Client Fund is formed as a limited partnership and invests capital contributed by one or more individuals, trusts, pooled investment vehicles, foundations and other entity investors (collectively, the “Qualified Underlying Investors”) that are qualified clients under Rule 205-3 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940. Firelake manages two types of Client Funds. The “Non-Venture Funds” invest a percentage of their assets in public securities and permit its Qualified Underlying Investors to make monthly withdrawals and additional contributions over the life of the fund. The “Venture Funds” make only private investments and do not permit its Qualified Underlying Investors to withdraw prior to the dissolution of the fund.

Firelake has been in business since February 21, 2002. Fred Kittler and Martin Lagod are Firelake’s principal owners. As of December 31, 2012, Firelake manages \$196,569,917 of client assets on a discretionary basis.

Firelake offers advice solely with respect to managing the portfolios of Client Funds, which generally consist of Portfolio Company securities. Certain related persons of Firelake serve as the general partners, or in similar managerial capacities, on behalf of the Client Funds. (In any such roles, such related persons shall be referred to herein as Fund Managers.) Firelake provides investment advice primarily, but not exclusively, regarding four markets: Energy Technology, Water Technology, Material Science and Information Technology.

Firelake does not tailor its advisory services to the needs of its Qualified Underlying Investors. Certain Client Funds may restrict investments in certain securities or types of securities as provided for in each Client Fund’s limited partnership agreement and any side letters entered into between a Client Fund and certain of its Qualified Underlying Investors. Firelake does not participate in wrap fee programs.

## **ITEM 5 – FEES AND COMPENSATION**

**NON-VENTURE FUNDS.** The Non-Venture Fund(s) pay an annual management fee (the “Non-Venture Management Fee”) to Firelake of 1.5% on the first \$50,000,000 of assets under management and 1.0% on the amount of assets under management that exceed \$50,000,000. The Non-Venture Management Fee is paid quarterly in advance. The Non-Venture Fund(s) may waive all or part of the Non-Venture Management Fee with respect to any Qualified Underlying Investors in any quarter; provided, however, that appropriate adjustments shall be made so that the Non-Venture Management Fee chargeable to other Qualified Underlying Investors for such quarter is not affected by any such waiver. In addition to the Non-Venture Management Fee, the Non-Venture Fund(s) allocate a carried interest of 20% of their annual net profits to their respective Fund Manager(s), to the extent such profits exceed a 5% annual performance hurdle and any unrecovered losses of the limited partners.

**VENTURE FUNDS.** The Venture Fund(s) pay an annual management fee (the “Venture Management Fee”) to Firelake of 2.5% of the capital committed by the limited partners of the Venture Funds. The Venture Management Fee is paid quarterly in advance. Commencing on February 1, 2013, the Venture Management Fee will be 2.5% of the sum of the cost basis of the Venture Fund(s) remaining investments and such portion of the remaining uncalled capital commitments reserved for follow-on investments. In addition to the Venture Management Fee, the Venture Fund(s) allocate a carried interest of 20% of their net profits to their respective Fund Manager(s).

Fees are deducted from the clients’ assets as described above on a quarterly basis in advance. The Qualified Underlying Investors share the fund expenses (e.g., audit fees, legal fees, brokerage transaction fees, fund admin fees, etc.) on a pro rata basis based on their percentage of ownership in a specific fund.

Client Funds must pay Management Fees quarterly in advance. The Management Fees payable by the Qualified Underlying Investors in the Non-Venture Funds will be appropriately prorated to reflect any capital withdrawals and contributions that occur during the quarter immediately preceding such payment. The Management Fee payable by the Qualified Underlying Investors in the Venture Fund(s) is not refundable.

Neither Firelake nor any of its supervised persons accepts compensation for the sale of securities or other investment products.

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

Qualified Underlying Investors in the Non-Venture Funds are charged a “Performance Fee” equal to twenty percent (20%) of the excess of net profits over the sum of unrecouped losses and a five percent (5%) hurdle calculated at the end of each year.

Qualified Underlying Investors in the Venture Funds are charged a “Carried Interest” equal to twenty percent (20%) of the net income attributed to a Qualified Underlying Investor’s investment after its entire capital commitment has been returned to such Qualified Underlying Investor.

Such performance-based compensation may create an incentive for Firelake to make investments that are riskier or more speculative than would be the case in the absence of a financial incentive based on the performance of a Client Fund. Firelake monitors the investments made for the Client Funds on an ongoing basis, and endeavors to ensure that investments made for the Client Funds are appropriate without regard to the potential for performance-based compensation.

Performance-based compensation may also create an incentive for Firelake to direct more promising investment opportunities to Client Funds with a more favorable performance-based compensation structure. Firelake minimizes this conflict by generally managing Client Funds whose target investments do not overlap with one another, either because of the investment stage of the Client Fund, the industry of the security issuer, or the type of security. By managing only non-overlapping Client Funds, there is very rarely an investment opportunity where it is unclear

to which Client Fund the opportunity ought to be allocated. Additionally, once the hurdle has been reached for Non-Venture Funds, the performance fee is equal for all Client Funds, which reduces the incentive to allocate investments based on a Client Fund's performance free.

## **ITEM 7 – TYPES OF CLIENTS**

Firelake provides advice to the Client Funds, which are formed as limited partnerships and invest capital contributed by one or more individuals, trusts, pooled investment vehicles, foundations and other entity investors that are qualified clients under Rule 205-3 of the Investment Advisers Act.

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

In choosing its investments, Firelake strives to use an investment methodology that includes conducting fundamental financial analysis, creating financial models and analyzing financial models to evaluate an investment. Further, Firelake closely monitors all Portfolio Companies after investments have been made.

Firelake's fundamental financial analysis involves: (a) frequent interviews with the executive management of potential Portfolio Companies both in person and via telephone; (b) researching press releases and SEC filings made by potential Portfolio Companies; (c) attending company conference calls discussing earnings statements; (d) conducting discussions with competitors of potential Portfolio Companies; (e) attending trade shows and reading relevant trade publications; and (f) reading white papers on the products of potential Portfolio Companies and industry trends.

Firelake frequently creates financial models for its potential investments. For some Portfolio Company investments, Firelake will review the financial models created by sell-side analysts.

Using financial models created by Firelake or obtained from sell-side analysts, Firelake frequently uses its own proprietary valuation screen to determine whether the investment is undervalued or over-valued.

Non-Venture Funds: Although it has the authority to invest and trade in a broad range of equity and debt securities, the Non-Venture Funds invest primarily in small companies, public and private, in selected market segments, based upon assessments of long-run fundamental criteria, including management capability, market size and growth prospects, ownership of intellectual property, and valuation. The Non-Venture Funds generally focus on markets addressed by companies possessing expertise in communications technology, energy technology, and materials technology. The Non-Venture Funds may take short positions, but will not use leverage or incur indebtedness in an amount exceeding fifteen percent (15%) of the net asset value of the Non-Venture Funds.

Venture Funds: The Venture Funds generally invest in early stage companies developing clean energy, advanced materials, environmental protection, or water technologies, or that offer complementary systems, processes or technology.

The types of investments that Firelake makes involve a high degree of risk. In general, financial and operating risks confronting Portfolio Companies can be significant. While targeted returns should reflect the perceived level of risk in any investment situation, there can be no assurance that the Qualified Underlying Investors in the Client Funds will be adequately compensated for risks taken. A loss of a Qualified Underlying Investors's entire investment is possible. A prospective investor in one of the Client Funds should thoroughly review the information contained in this Form 2A and the terms of the Client Fund's limited partnership agreement and subscription agreement, and carefully consider whether an investment in the Client Fund is suitable to the investor's financial situation and goals.

### General Risks

**FUTURE AND PAST PERFORMANCE.** The prior performances of the Client Funds are not necessarily indicative of future results for existing Client Funds or future Client Funds. While Firelake tends to cause the Client Funds to make investments that have estimated returns commensurate with the risks undertaken, there can be no assurance that targeted results will be achieved. Loss of principal is possible on any given investment undertaken.

**NO ASSURANCE OF RETURNS.** Because Firelake targets a concentrated portfolio with long term investments, the timing of profit realization is highly uncertain. There can be no assurance that the Qualified Underlying Investors will receive distributions from the Client Funds in an amount equal to their investment in such Client Funds. In particular, losses are likely to occur early in Firelake's Venture Funds, while successes often require a long maturation.

**RELIANCE ON FIRELAKE.** Firelake will have sole discretion over the investment of the funds committed to its Client Funds as well as the ultimate realization of any profits. As such, the pool of funds in each Client Fund represents a blind pool of funds. Qualified Underlying Investors in a Client Fund will be relying on Firelake to conduct its business. The loss of one or more principals of Firelake could have a significant adverse impact on the business of an underlying Client Fund. No assurances can be given that each of such principals will continue to be affiliated with a Client Fund throughout its term. Notwithstanding any prior experience that such principals may have in making investments of the type expected to be made by a Client Fund, any such experience necessarily was obtained under different market conditions and with different technologies at the forefront of development. There can be no assurance that the principals of Firelake will be able to duplicate prior levels of success.

**COMPETITIVE MARKETPLACE.** For the Venture Funds, the marketplace for venture capital investing has become increasingly competitive. Participation by financial intermediaries has increased, substantial amounts of funds have been dedicated to making

investments in the private sector and the competition for investment opportunities is at high levels. Some of Firelake's potential competitors may have more relevant experience, greater financial resources and more personnel than Firelake. There can be no assurances that Firelake will locate an adequate number of attractive investment opportunities. To the extent that Firelake encounters competition for investments, returns to Qualified Underlying Investors in the Venture Funds may vary.

**AVAILABILITY OF ATTRACTIVE INVESTMENT CANDIDATES.** The ultimate success of the Client Funds will hinge on Firelake's ability to locate attractive investment candidates. There can be no assurances that attractive candidates will be found in sufficient quantity to allow all of the capital of Client Funds to be employed.

### Market Risks

**STATUS OF MARKETS.** In recent times, economic markets have experienced a period of unprecedented stress. The availability, unavailability, or hindered operation of external credit markets, equity markets and other economic systems that Firelake and its investments may depend upon to achieve objectives may have a significant negative impact on private fund operations and profitability. There can be no assurance that such markets and economic systems will be available or will be available as anticipated or needed for investments or for private funds to operate successfully.

**ECONOMIC CONDITIONS.** Any investment activity may be adversely affected by general international or domestic economic or market conditions. A downturn or contraction in the economy or capital markets, or in certain industry or geographical regions thereof, may prevent investors from meeting investment objectives by restricting the availability of suitable investment opportunities. In addition, such a downturn could result in the diminution or loss in value of a Client Fund's investments. Unexpected volatility or illiquidity in the markets in which Client Funds hold positions or in which direct investments are held could impair their ability to carry out their business or cause them to incur losses.

**ABSENCE OF LIQUIDITY AND PUBLIC MARKETS.** Many of the Client Funds' investments will involve private, illiquid holdings. As such, there will be no public markets for such securities held by the Client Funds and no readily available liquidity mechanism at any particular time for such the investments held by the Client Funds. In addition, the realization of value from such investments will not be possible or known with any certainty until Firelake elects, in its sole discretion, to sell a Client Fund's investments and subsequently distribute the proceeds to its Qualified Underlying Investors or to distribute securities to Qualified Underlying Investors in lieu of cash.

**CURRENCY RISKS.** The Client Funds' investments in foreign securities are subject to the risk that the value of a particular currency will change in relation to one or more other currencies. Among the factors that may affect currency values are trade balances, the level of short-term interest rates, differences in relative values of similar assets in different currencies, long-term opportunities for investment and capital appreciation and political developments. Firelake may try to hedge these risks by investing directly in



foreign currencies, buying and selling forward foreign currency exchange contracts and buying and selling options on foreign currencies, but there can be no assurance such strategies will be undertaken or effective.

### Strategy Risks

**PUBLIC EQUITY SECURITIES.** The Non-Venture Funds may invest long and short in publicly traded equity securities. In general, stock values fluctuate in response to the activities of individual companies and in response to general market and economic conditions. Accordingly, the value of the stocks and other securities and instruments may decline over short or extended periods. The stock markets tend to be cyclical, with periods when stock prices generally rise and periods when stock prices generally decline. The volatility of equity securities means that the value of an investment may increase or decrease.

**SMALL CAPITALIZATION COMPANIES.** The Non-Venture Funds may invest in securities of small capitalization companies and recently organized companies and, conversely, the Non-Venture Funds may establish significant positions in such securities. Historically, such securities have been more volatile in price than those of larger, capitalized, more established companies and pose greater investment risks. Small capitalization companies may require substantial additional capital or borrowings. There is often less publicly available information concerning such companies and their equity securities are often traded over-the-counter or on regional exchanges and may be less liquid than companies traded on a national exchange. Investments in small capitalization companies may also be more difficult to value than other types of securities. Investments in companies with limited or no operating histories are more speculative and entail greater risk than do investments in companies with an established operating record.

**GROWTH STOCK RISK.** The Non-Venture Funds may invest in “growth” stocks. Securities of growth companies may be more volatile since such companies usually invest a high portion of earnings in their business, and they may lack the dividends of value stocks that can cushion stock prices in a falling market. In addition, earnings disappointments often lead to sharply falling prices because investors buy growth stocks in anticipation of superior earnings growth.

**FOREIGN SECURITIES.** The Client Funds may invest in securities of foreign issuers. Investing in foreign securities involves considerations and possible risks not typically involved in investing in U.S. securities, including instability of some foreign governments, the possibility of expropriation, limitations on the use or removal of funds or other assets, changes in governmental administration or economic or monetary policy (in the United States or abroad) or changed circumstances in dealings between nations. The application of foreign tax laws (e.g., the imposition of withholding taxes on dividends interest or gains) or confiscatory taxation may also affect investment in foreign securities. Higher expenses may result from investment in foreign securities than would result from investment in domestic securities because of the costs that must be incurred in connection with conversions between various currencies and foreign brokerage commissions that may be higher than in the United States. Foreign securities markets also

may be less liquid, more volatile and less subject to governmental supervision than in the United States. Such investments could be affected by other factors not present in the United States, including less stringent and less uniform accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards, different bankruptcy laws and practice, and potential difficulties in enforcing contractual obligations and obtaining and enforcing legal judgments against foreign entities.

**INVESTMENT IN COMPANIES DEPENDENT UPON NEW SCIENTIFIC DEVELOPMENTS, TECHNOLOGIES AND ALTERNATIVE ENERGY.** The Client Funds focus their investing in small capitalization technology and alternative energy stocks and technology companies generally. The value of the Client Funds' interests may be susceptible to factors affecting the technology industry and to greater risk than an investment in a partnership that invests in a broader range of securities. The specific risks faced by such companies include:

- Rapidly changing science and technologies;
- Products or technologies that may quickly become obsolete;
- Exposure to a high degree of government regulation, making these companies susceptible to changes in government policy and failures to secure, or unanticipated delays in securing, regulatory approvals;
- Scarcity of management, technical, scientific, research and marketing personnel with appropriate training;
- The possibility of lawsuits related to patents and intellectual property; and
- Rapidly changing investor sentiments and preferences with regard to technology sector investments (which are generally perceived as risky).

**RISKS OF DEVELOPING TECHNOLOGY AND NEW PRODUCTS.** Certain technology companies may be dependent on the development of new technologies and/or the application of existing or new technologies. New technologies and applications may not necessarily be generally accepted, or may be rendered obsolete by subsequent technological developments. The success of any one technology company may depend, in part, on its ability to develop, introduce and market products or services that meet changing user needs and that successfully anticipate or respond to technological changes on a cost effective and timely basis. There can be no assurance that promising technologies will be successfully developed into profitable products or services. A lack of compatibility with existing technology, the lack of standardization among competing technologies attempting to serve the same market, a failure to conform to accepted industry standards or obsolescence can also be significant obstacles for the technology companies in which the Client Funds invest.

**GOVERNMENT REGULATION.** The operations of certain technology companies are generally subject to extensive regulation by federal, state and/or local agencies. For example, the Federal Energy Regulation Commission, the Environmental Protection Administration and various state regulatory authorities all regulate the energy industry. Communications companies also may be subject to significant federal, state or local regulation. Governmental regulation can be unpredictable and subject to political, economic, social and market developments. There can be no assurance as to the level or effect of government regulations on technology companies in the future.

**REGULATORY RISKS OF CLEANTECH.** Lack of consistent regulation worldwide on environmental externalities has been a persistent problem for cleantech companies. Moreover, various incentive programs to support particular clean technologies have come and gone, and have affected both supply and demand for technologies serving these markets. In the U.S., clean energy industry associations have been lobbying federal and state governments to provide not just regulatory support, but longer-term and reliable regulatory support to enable the sustainable growth of cleantech industries and mitigate regulatory risk. Regulation has historically been necessary for energy-related industries to grow in the face of strong incumbents.

**POTENTIAL LIABILITIES.** In connection with the investments of its Venture Funds, Firelake may negotiate the right to appoint one of its principals as a member of the Portfolio Company's board of directors. Such membership on the board of directors of a Portfolio Company can result in Firelake, the Venture Funds or the individual director being named as a defendant in litigation. The Venture Funds may also participate in Portfolio Company financings at valuations lower than the valuations in preceding rounds of financing. Disputes arising out of such down-round financings may result in the Venture Funds, Firelake, or its members being named as defendants. Typically, Portfolio Companies will have insurance to protect directors and officers, but this insurance may be inadequate. The Venture Funds will also indemnify Firelake and its principals, among others, for liabilities incurred in connection with operations of the Venture Funds, including liabilities arising from such suits. Such indemnification obligations and other liabilities could be substantial.

**CONTINGENT LIABILITIES ON DISPOSITION OF INVESTMENTS.** In connection with the disposition of an investment in a Portfolio Company, the Venture Funds may be required to make representations about the business and financial affairs of such company typical of those made in connection with the sale of a business. The Venture Funds may be required to indemnify the purchasers of such investment to the extent that any such representations are inaccurate. These arrangements may result in the incurrence of contingent liabilities for which Firelake may establish reserves and escrows. Distributions may be delayed or withheld until such reserve is no longer needed or the escrow period expires.

### Structural Risks

**NO ASSURANCE OF ADDITIONAL CAPITAL FOR INVESTMENTS.** After the Venture Funds have financed a company, continued development and marketing of products may require that additional financing be provided. In particular, technology companies generally have substantial capital needs that are typically funded over several stages of investment. No assurance can be made that such additional financing will be available, and no assurance can be made as to the terms upon which such financing may be obtained. Alternatively, the Venture Funds, either directly or through one of its Portfolio Companies, may elect to sell developed or undeveloped technology to existing companies. No assurance can be made that buyers for such technology can be located or that the terms of any such sales will be advantageous.

**LIMITED PORTFOLIO DIVERSIFICATION.** The portfolio holdings of the Client Funds will not be broadly diversified. A downturn of the economy or in the business of any one company could impact the aggregate returns delivered to Qualified Underlying Investors by the Client Fund.

**ILLIQUIDITY.** An investment in a Client Fund will be illiquid and involves a high degree of risk. There is no public market for an interest in a Client Fund, and it is not expected that a public market will develop. Consequently, Qualified Underlying Investors will bear the economic risks of their investment for the term of the applicable Client Funds. Prospective investors will be required to represent and agree that they are purchasing the interests for their own account for investment only and not with a view to the resale or distribution thereof.

**CERTAIN LIMITATIONS ON ABILITY OF LIMITED PARTNERS TO TRANSFER THEIR INTERESTS IN THE CLIENT FUNDS.** The transferability of interests in Client Funds is restricted by their respective limited partnership agreements and by United States federal and state securities laws. In general, Qualified Underlying Investors will not be able to sell or transfer their Interests to third parties without the consent of Firelake.

## **ITEM 9 – DISCIPLINARY INFORMATION**

Firelake is required to disclose facts regarding any legal or disciplinary events that would be material to your evaluation of Firelake or the integrity of Firelake’s management. Firelake has no legal or disciplinary information applicable to this disclosure item.

## **ITEM 10 – OTHER FINANCIAL INDUSTRY ACTIVITIES AND AFFILIATIONS**

Neither Firelake nor any of its management persons are registered, or have an application pending to register, as a broker-dealer or a registered representative of a broker-dealer. Further, neither Firelake nor any of its management persons are registered, or have an application pending to register, as a futures commission merchant, commodity pool operator, a commodity trading advisor, or an associated person of the foregoing entities.

Firelake does not have any relationship or arrangement with any related person that is material to its advisory business or its clients. Firelake does not recommend or select other investment advisers for its clients.

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

Firelake has adopted a Code of Ethics and Compliance Manual that promotes high ethical and professional standards and defines employee responsibilities and requirements regarding their personal securities transactions. With respect to insider trading, all Firelake employees and their family members are prohibited from any personal trading activity involving securities on Firelake’s “Restricted List”, which consists of all publicly traded securities that are in Firelake’s

investible universe, unless such trading is approved in advance by Firelake's chief compliance officer. In addition, each Firelake employee is required to provide the Chief Compliance Officer with an initial list of all Reportable Securities such employee and each of such employee's Family Members, (A) provide quarterly transaction reports including copies of all periodic brokerage account statements relating to ownership of Reportable Securities and (B) provide the Chief Compliance Officer with an annual list of all Reportable Securities such employee and each of such employee's Family Members owns, or over which any of them has investment discretion. Additionally, Firelake's Code of Ethics and Compliance Manual establishes the framework and guidelines for operating an ethical business, including but not limited to, the firm's policies on the use of firm funds and property, conflicts of interest, and general standards of conduct in dealing with Client Funds and their Qualified Underlying Investors. A copy of Firelake's Code of Ethics and Compliance Manual is made available to Client Funds and Qualified Underlying Investors upon request.

Firelake presents Client Funds with investment opportunities, and members of Firelake receive incentive allocations based on the performance of those investment opportunities. Firelake and its personnel may also invest in securities for their own accounts. With the consent of the chief compliance officer, Firelake and its personnel and affiliates may invest in one or more of the Client Funds or may co-invest alongside the Client Funds on a side-by-side basis.

Fund Managers with some of the same principal owners as Firelake serve as the general partners of the Client Funds. Because these general partner entities commit capital to the blind pools of each Client Fund, every investment made by a Client Fund involves a purchase of securities whereby Firelake's principals acquire securities at the same time as its clients. However, no conflict of interest exists with respect to this method of investing because Firelake acquires the same securities, at the same time, on the same terms and in the same relative proportions as the limited partners of each respective Client Fund.

In some cases, multiple Client Funds will invest in the securities of a single issuer. This presents the possibility for a conflict between Client Funds. Firelake has resolved this conflict by clearly delineating, in the partnership agreements of the respective Client Funds, the terms under which Client Funds may invest in the securities of a single issuer.

Firelake attempts to resolve all potential conflicts or conflicts in a manner that is generally fair to all of its clients and Qualified Underlying Investors.

## **ITEM 12 – BROKERAGE PRACTICES**

Subject to certain limitations on investments identified in the organizational documents for the Client Funds (e.g., investment focus and diversification), the Fund Managers have discretionary authority with respect to the broker or dealer to be used (if any) and the commission rates to be paid in connection therewith.

In selecting and using a broker-dealer, Firelake will effect portfolio transactions in a manner deemed fair and reasonable. The primary consideration in all such portfolio transactions is prompt execution of orders in an efficient manner at a favorable price. In selecting broker-

dealers and negotiating commissions, Firelake may consider a variety of factors, including the price of the security, the quality of execution and liquidity services provided by the broker-dealer, the broker-dealer's ability to obtain a timely execution, and the size and difficulty of the order. Firelake may also consider the reliability, efficiency, accuracy and integrity of the broker-dealer's general execution and operational capabilities, the cost to trade away from a directed broker or custodian, and the broker-dealer's financial condition. Firelake may execute over-the-counter securities transactions on an agency basis, which may result in a Client Fund (and thus its Qualified Underlying Investors) incurring two transaction costs for a single trade: a commission paid to the executing broker plus the market maker's mark-up or mark-down.

Firelake anticipates that its transactions normally will not provide it with the opportunity to generate soft dollars. If, however, Firelake were to generate soft dollars, it would only use such soft dollars within the "safe harbor" provided under Section 28(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Firelake does not consider, in selecting or recommending broker-dealers, whether it or a related person receives client referrals from a broker dealer or third party. Firelake does not receive client referrals from broker-dealers.

As indicated above, the Fund Managers determine the brokers and dealers used by the Client Funds. Selection of brokers and dealers is generally based on the competitiveness of their commissions, execution capabilities, rates, financial responsibility, responsiveness, access to the trading desk, difficulty of an order, confidentiality, distribution network, commitment, accuracy and the products, research and services received by the Fund Managers in exchange for commissions. The Fund Managers may elect to pay commissions higher than those obtainable from other brokers when taking into account the factors described above, including the products, research and services provided by a broker. Research provided by a broker or dealer may be used by Client Funds other than the Client Fund effecting the transaction in connection with which research is received. The selection of brokers and dealers based on research or services provides a benefit to Firelake by reducing the cost of research Firelake would otherwise have to pay for. The Venture Funds primarily invest in private equity offerings, and only occasionally utilize brokerage services.

To the extent Client Funds are buying or selling the same securities simultaneously, Firelake advises Client Funds to aggregate the buying and selling such securities. A Client Fund that chooses to purchase or sell securities separately from other Client Funds may incur more transaction costs than they would if aggregating such purchase or sale with other Client Funds.

## **ITEM 13 – REVIEW OF ACCOUNTS**

The accounts and investments of each Client Fund are reviewed on a daily basis by the managing directors and principals of the Fund Managers.

Qualified Underlying Investors in Non-Venture Funds receive monthly written reports regarding their accounts as well as an audited report after the end of the non-Venture Fund's fiscal year. Qualified Underlying Investors in Venture Funds receive written reports regarding their accounts

after each of the first three fiscal quarters of the fiscal year and an audited written report regarding their account after the close of each fiscal year.

#### **ITEM 14 – CLIENT REFERRALS AND OTHER COMPENSATION**

Firelake does not receive any economic benefit for providing investment advice to anyone that is not a client. Neither Firelake nor a related person compensates anyone for client referrals.

#### **ITEM 15 – CUSTODY**

Firelake's practice is not to have physical custody of client assets. It does, however, have custody of the assets of the Client Funds' cash holdings. The Client Funds rely on the exemption from the quarterly account statement delivery obligations of the custody rule under the Advisers Act for investment pools that are audited and distribute financial statements annually. As indicated above, investors in each Client Fund receive audited financial statements for the applicable Client Fund each year. For Client Funds not audited in accordance with United States Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, Firelake, in compliance with rules promulgated under the Investment Advisers Act, provides the required reports to the Qualified Underlying Investors and has auditors conduct surprise audits of the Client Funds.

#### **ITEM 16 – INVESTMENT DISCRETION**

Subject to certain limitations identified in the organizational documents for the Client Funds (the "Client Fund Agreements"), related persons of Firelake serving as general partners of the Client Funds will have discretionary authority with respect to all Client Fund investments, including the securities to be acquired and sold by the Client Funds, the timing and amount of any such acquisitions or sales, the broker or dealer to be used (if any) and the commission rates to be paid in connection therewith. In the case of the types and amounts of securities acquired, the Client Fund Agreements generally contain various limitations related to diversification and the investment focus of the applicable Client Fund.

#### **ITEM 17 – VOTING CLIENT SECURITIES**

Firelake votes securities on behalf of the Client Funds. Client Funds will receive their proxies and other solicitations directly from their custodian or a transfer agent. Clients may contact Firelake with questions about a particular solicitation by contacting Lisa Lee of Firelake at (650) 321-0880.

#### **ITEM 18 – FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Firelake does not solicit prepayment of fees six months or more in advance. Firelake does not anticipate any financial condition that is reasonably likely to impair its ability to meet contractual commitments to clients. Firelake has not been the subject of a bankruptcy petition at any time during the past ten years.

## **ITEM 19 – REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE-REGISTERED ADVISERS**

Firelake is not registered with any state securities authorities.





**FIRELAKE CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LLC**

**PART 2B OF FORM ADV: BROCHURE SUPPLEMENT**

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