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## **Material Changes**

This Brochure contains material changes to the prior Form ADV Part 2 filed by WhiteHorse Capital Partners, L.P. on March 31, 2017 (the “**Prior Brochure**”). Immediately below is a discussion of such material changes. Such discussion sets forth only material changes to the Prior Brochure.

This Brochure reflects the following material changes to the Prior Brochure: conforming changes to the amounts of assets under management.

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## **1. Advisory Business**

Our firm, WhiteHorse Capital Partners L.P. was founded in 2003. We specialize in managing investments in the high-yield and credit markets, principally through collateralized loan obligations (“CLO”) structures. As of December 31, 2016, we manage two CLOs with aggregate assets under management of approximately \$ 15 million. For purposes of reporting our assets under management with the CLOs, we include the value of all loans held by these private funds.

Our owners are Jay Carvell (33.3%), Jarred Worley (33.3%) and Ethan Underwood (33.3%). WhiteRock Asset Advisors, LLC is the general partner of our firm and is also owned equally by Jay Carvell, Jarred Worley and Ethan Underwood (33.3% each).

We provide asset selection and portfolio management services, as well as administrative services for the CLO structures managed by us. The assets we select for investments for the CLO structures we manage are focused in the high yield space, particularly the senior leverage loan market.

Operating agreements and indentures for the two CLOs managed by our firm generally impose various asset specific investment restrictions, such as minimum asset size, minimum coupon, and maturity. The governing documents also create portfolio composition restrictions focused on overall credit quality and portfolio diversification. Part of our role as advisor is managing the investments to maintain compliance with these limitations and restrictions.

We do not participate in any wrap fee programs.

Aside from the restrictions and limitations of these governing documents, we have sole discretion over the management and investment allocation of the CLO structures.

## **2. Fees and Compensation**

### CLO Funds

Our firm receives compensation from our CLO fund clients based both on the percentage of assets we manage and, for some clients, on performance achieved for our clients’ accounts.

Management fees are based on the average assets under management for the payment period. WhiteHorse III, Ltd. and WhiteHorse IV, Ltd. (collectively, the “CLO Funds”) pay a management fee equal to 0.50% on an annual basis.

We also receive performance fees from certain CLO clients. WhiteHorse III, Ltd. and WhiteHorse IV, Ltd. pay a performance fee equal to 20.0% of all distributions to the preferred shares above a stated target internal rate of return of 12.0%. We receive performance fees on a quarterly basis in arrears.

During 2017, we received incentive and performance fees from CLO clients in the amount of \$1.9 million.

Management and performance fees are deducted from clients' assets.

Our fees are not negotiable.

In connection with our advisory services, each of our funds, and consequently the investors in each of our funds, bears all of its own organization and operational expenses, including:

- legal fees (including settlement costs),
- costs of any litigation or investigation involving our clients' activities,
- accounting costs (including tax preparation and audit expenses),
- administration costs,
- insurance,
- costs associated with reporting and providing information to existing and potential investors,
- any governmental fees imposed on our client, and
- withholding and/or transfer taxes

Each of our funds, and consequently investors in each of our funds, also bears all of its investment-related expenses, such as:

- interest and commitment fees on loans and debit balances,
- custodial fees,
- brokerage commissions,
- trade processing fees, including clearing and settlement charges,
- travel expenses related to research,
- costs of any outside appraisers, accountants, attorneys or other experts or consultants engaged in connection with specific transactions, and

- other ordinary miscellaneous research and trade-related expenses.

For more information on brokerage transactions and costs, please see Section 9. Brokerage Practices.

Our CLO Funds are closed-ended funds, therefore the investors in these funds do not have the ability to withdraw capital. However, investors in our CLO Funds may trade their securities on the secondary market.

Neither our firm nor any of our employees receives any transaction-based compensation for the sale of securities or other investment products, including charges or fees from the sale of mutual funds.

### **3. Performance-Based Fees and Side-By-Side Management**

As discussed in Section 2, we receive performance-based fees from certain clients.

Because we can earn higher fees from the clients that pay performance-based compensation, there is a potential incentive for us to disproportionately direct investments to those funds. However, the funds we manage have specific guidelines regarding the types of investments we can make and covenants that govern factors such as issuer and industry concentration limits, ratings factors, average and minimum coupons. These tests and covenants are specifically defined by each fund's indenture or offering memorandum. We manage the inherent conflicts of interest by adhering to each fund's specific mandate. Furthermore, we analyze the merits of each investment on a client-by-client basis. When we make an investment decision, it is based on the appropriateness of the investment for each individual client at that point in time.

### **4. Types of Clients**

We provide investment advisory services to the CLO Funds. Investors in these structures include high net worth individuals, institutional investors and other investment funds.

Investors in our funds are required to be "accredited investors" and "qualified purchasers."

This firm brochure is not an offer to invest in our funds.

### **5. Methods of Analysis, Investment Strategies and Risk of Loss**

We employ various types of investment analyses and strategies. Typically, we choose investments based on their fundamental attractiveness and their suitability to each client. We also consider technical drivers of the investment and current and future trading liquidity.

We focus our investing in the high yield space, particularly the senior leveraged loan market. To a lesser extent, we invest in investment grade and non-investment grade bonds as well as equities. Our investments involve significant risk of loss that our clients, and any of the investors in our clients, should be prepared to bear.

The following is a description of the various strategies we utilize in advising our clients and some important risks associated with each strategy. The following explanation of certain risks is not exhaustive, but rather highlights some of the more significant risks involved in our

investment strategies.

- *Investment in Secured Loans:* We buy, on our clients' behalf, interests in secured loans, seeking both interest income and capital appreciation. Secured loans typically pay an interest rate comprised of a floating rate (LIBOR or Prime) plus a spread and the eventual return of the principal at the end of the term. Our profit is generally derived from the interest we collect from these investments exceeding our cost of capital. We also derive profit from buying loans at a discount to the loans' notional value with the expectation that the value of the loans will appreciate. The value of these investments will generally vary with the issuer's performance and movements in the high yield loan and bond markets. Secured loans are subject to the risk that their issuer may be unable to make interests or principal payments on its obligations. Our client may suffer losses if we invest in loans of issuers whose performance diverges from our expectations. We do not short sell any loans.
- *Investment in Other Fixed-Income Securities:* At times, on our client's behalf, we may invest in bonds or other fixed-income securities. Fixed-income securities provide periodic fixed interest payments and the eventual return of the principal at the end of the term. The value of fixed-income securities changes in response to interest rate fluctuations and market perception of the issuer's ability to repay its obligations. Fixed-income securities are also subject to the risk that their issuer may be unable to make interest or principal payments on its obligations. We do not short sell any fixed income securities.
- *Leverage/Borrowing:* We may borrow against our client's assets. We believe the interest income will cover and exceed the interest expense on the borrowings, benefiting our client. Borrowing involves risk to our client because leverage will exacerbate any market value changes in the underlying investment. Due to the leverage, the client's return may be more volatile than the return in the underlying assets. Furthermore, we may be forced to sell an investment if the market value of our investment declines.

We encourage investors in our client funds to consider all the risk factors we have explained and to review carefully each fund's private offering memorandum. Any investors in our clients risk the loss of their entire investment.

## **6. Disciplinary Information**

Neither our firm, nor any of our officers or principals has been party to any criminal or civil actions in a domestic, foreign or military court.

Neither our firm, nor any of our officers or principals has been involved in any administrative proceedings before the Securities and Exchange Commission, any other federal regulatory agency, any state regulatory agency or any foreign financial regulatory authority.

Neither our firm, nor any of our officers or principals has been involved in any self-regulatory organization proceedings.

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

Neither our firm, nor any of our officers or principals is registered as a broker dealer or a representative of a broker-dealer or has an application pending to register as a broker-dealer or a registered representative of a broker-dealer.

Neither our firm nor any of our officers or principals is registered, or has an application pending to register, as a futures commission merchant, commodity pool operator, a commodity trading advisor, or is an associated person of any of the above.

Our firm is affiliated with H.I.G. Capital, LLC (SEC file no. 801-74338) and H.I.G. WhiteHorse Advisers, LLC (SEC file no. 801-67111), which are separately registered with the SEC under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended. For more information relating to H.I.G. Capital, LLC or H.I.G. WhiteHorse Advisers, LLC, including a list of their advisory and other financial industry affiliates, beneficial owners and a list of the private funds they manage, please refer to their respective Form ADVs.

We note that we have engaged and may engage from time to time in soliciting investments in offerings of the private funds for which we act as investment manager. Thus, to the extent that we are able to attract investors to these private funds, we benefit from the fees and other compensation we receive from these funds as investment manager.

We do not recommend or select other investment advisors for our clients.

## **8. Code of Ethics, Participation or Interest in Client Transactions and Personal Trading**

WhiteHorse Capital Partners, L.P. has adopted a Code of Ethics and Securities Trading Policy and Procedures (the “**Code**”), which sets forth standards of conduct that are expected of WhiteHorse Capital Partners, L.P. principals and employees and addresses conflicts that arise from personal trading. The Code requires certain WhiteHorse Capital Partners, L.P. personnel to report their personal securities transactions, prohibits or requires pre-clearance for personnel from directly or indirectly acquiring beneficial ownership or disposing of securities in an initial public offering, and prohibits personnel from directly or indirectly acquiring beneficial ownership of securities with limited exceptions, without first obtaining approval from the Chief Compliance Officer of WhiteHorse Capital Partners, L.P. A copy of the Code will be provided to any investor upon request to Jarred Worley, the Chief Compliance Officer, at (214) 855-2999. Personal securities transactions by employees who manage client accounts are required to be conducted in a manner that prioritizes the client’s interests in client eligible investments.

WhiteHorse Capital Partners, L.P. and its affiliated persons may come into possession, from time to time, of material nonpublic or other confidential information about public companies which, if disclosed, might affect an investor’s decision to buy, sell or hold a security. Under applicable law, WhiteHorse Capital Partners, L.P. and its affiliated persons would be prohibited from improperly disclosing or using such information for their personal benefit or for the benefit of any person, regardless of whether such person is a client of the WhiteHorse Capital Partners, L.P.

Accordingly, should WhiteHorse Capital Partners, L.P. or any of its affiliated persons come into possession of material nonpublic or other confidential information with respect to any public



company, WhiteHorse Capital Partners, L.P. would be prohibited from communicating such information to clients, and WhiteHorse Capital Partners, L.P. will have no responsibility or liability for failing to disclose such information to clients as a result of following their policies and procedures designed to comply with applicable law. Similar restrictions may be applicable as a result of WhiteHorse Capital Partners, L.P.'s personnel serving as directors of public companies and may restrict trading on behalf of clients, including the funds.

Principals and employees of WhiteHorse Capital Partners, L.P. and its affiliates may directly or indirectly own an interest in private investment funds. To the extent that co-investment vehicles exist, such vehicles may invest in one or more of the same portfolio companies as the funds.

The funds may invest together with other funds advised by an affiliated adviser of WhiteHorse Capital Partners, L.P. in the manner set forth in such funds' governing documents. The advisers of such funds will determine the allocation of investment opportunity in a manner that it believes is fair and equitable to its clients consistent with the advisers' obligations and may take into consideration factors such as the following: the client's investment restrictions and objectives (including those set forth in the relevant client's governing documents, where applicable), investment and operating guidelines, diversification limitations, tax and regulatory considerations, minimum dollar limits and other relevant factors, including risk.

WhiteHorse Capital Partners, L.P. and its affiliates, principals and employees may carry on investment activities for their own account and for family members, friends or others who do not invest in the funds, and may give advice and recommend securities to vehicles which may differ from advice given to, or securities recommended or bought for the funds even though their investment objectives may be the same or similar.

## **9. Brokerage Practices**

We have complete investment and brokerage discretion over our clients' accounts. We select broker-dealers for our clients' transactions based on a number of factors, including the following:

- the financial strength, integrity and stability of the broker-dealer;
- the ability to effect prompt and reliable executions at favorable prices (including the applicable broker-dealer spread or commission, if any); and
- the operational efficiency with which transactions are effected, taking into account the size of the order and difficulty of execution.

We do not utilize research or other soft dollar benefits, nor do we consider referrals in selecting or recommending broker-dealers.

Our firm does not recommend, request or require that our clients or any investor in our clients, direct us to execute transactions through a specified broker-dealer. We do not permit our clients or any investor in our clients to direct us to execute transactions through a specific broker dealer.

We will aggregate the purchase or sale of investments for various clients. We make the decision to aggregate orders based on broker-dealer execution capabilities and market price impact of

orders, as well as portfolio considerations specific to the funds.

#### **10. Review of Accounts**

Jay Carvell, CFA and Ethan Underwood, CFA are principals and our portfolio managers that lead the portfolio team. Messrs. Carvell and Underwood review our clients' investments on a daily basis and determine whether the investments are still of value to our clients or whether an investment should be replaced. We also conduct investment committee meetings to discuss individual buy and sell decisions, as frequently as daily, as market conditions warrant.

Jarred Worley is a principal and our risk manager. As risk manager he ensures portfolios are balanced and investments are appropriate based on issuer and industry concentration limits, ratings, coupon, duration and other factors, as we deem appropriate.

Bank of New York Mellon ("BONY") is a Trustee for the CLO Fund clients. BONY retains custody over all cash in each CLO structure and produces written monthly reports available to investors. Each report contains a review of the structure's performance, trading activity, current positions, and a review of covenants and tests for the relevant month. BONY also provides a written quarterly cash flow distribution report to the investors in each of our CLO Funds.

#### **11. Client Referrals and Other Compensation**

Our firm does not, nor do any principals or employees of our firm, receive any economic benefit from non-clients for providing advisory services to our client.

Our firm does not, nor do any principals or employees of our firm, compensate anyone for client referrals.

#### **12. Custody**

In our role as manager of the CLOs, we do not have custody of clients' cash or investments. Clients' cash and investments are held, received and distributed by a trustee, which produces monthly statements regarding the activity and holdings of the CLOs. Investors are encouraged to carefully review these monthly statements.

#### **13. Investment Discretion**

Our firm accepts discretionary authority to manage our CLO clients' accounts. Essentially, this means we have the authority to determine, without obtaining specific consent from our clients or its investors, which investments to buy or sell and the amount of investments to buy or sell. Despite this broad authority, we are committed to adhering to the investment strategy program set forth in our clients' offering documents, as well as the covenants and tests as defined by our clients' indenture.

#### **14. Voting Client Securities**

We have authority to vote proxies on behalf of our clients. It is our policy to evaluate proxies and vote them in accordance with the goal of maximizing the long-term value of our clients' investments, as applicable. Neither our clients, nor investors in our clients, can direct us to vote client proxies in a certain manner. Though we rarely hold equity positions and receive proxies, clients and investors may request information regarding any votes made on their behalf.

## **15. Financial Information**

We do not require nor do we solicit prepayment of management fees six months or more in advance, and are not aware of any financial condition that is likely to impair our ability to meet our contractual commitments to our clients.