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Form ADV Part 2A *Firm Brochure*

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2. Material Changes

This Brochure provides updates to the Brochure dated March 31, 2015. In March 2016, Stamos Capital (the "Firm") engaged in a full review of this Form ADV Part 2 for the purpose of updating the style, level of detail, and accuracy of the entire document. In concert with those changes, the Firm updated specific disclosures to reflect the consolidation of its offices in Menlo Park, CA, and the attendant changes to the Firm. Some language changes are intended to provide more fulsome disclosure but do not represent material changes to the investment style or practices of the Firm. Many minor changes, such as definitional or nomenclature modifications, adding clarifying language, changes to formatting, and corrections to typographical errors have also been made. Clients, prospects, and other interested parties are encouraged to read the entire Brochure carefully.

The following summarizes material changes made within this update to the Brochure:

Item 1: Conforming changes were made to reflect the consolidation of the Firm's offices in Menlo Park, CA.

Item 4: Changes and additions were made to more accurately describe the Firm's location, endowment style of investing and related investment strategies, ownership, investment vehicles, and asset allocation services.

Item 5: Changes were made in order to more fully delineate the fees charged by the Firm for advisory services, or in the case of certain allocation services, that the Firm does not charge investment management fees. In the case of certain liquidating funds, the Firm does not charge an investment management fee, but imposes an administrative fee equal to 0.5% of the Fund's net asset value.

Item 6: Changes were made to more fully articulate the performance fee arrangements with certain clients, including the SCP Funds, disclosures related to the allocation of limited opportunities were moved to Item 8B, and a more complete discussion of the conflicts of interest associated with side-by-side management was included.

Item 7: Types of clients were updated to include family offices, their investing vehicles, foundations, endowments and trusts, and the provision of investment advisory services to other investment advisers.

Item 8: The entire Item 8 was rewritten to more fully reflect the investment strategy, methods of analysis and risks associated with the endowment style of investing.

Item 10: Language was added to articulate the basis for the Firm's exemption from registration with the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission as a Commodity Pool Operator.

Item 11: Language was added to provide a more fulsome discussion of the Firm's Code of Ethics.

Item 12: A broader discussion of the Firm's limited trading activities, use of soft dollars, and language noting that the Firm has limited opportunities to aggregate trades on behalf of clients was included.

Item 13: A more fulsome discussion of the Firm's review of accounts, including the individuals involved, as well as the periodicity and content of materials provided to Clients, was included.

Item 14: This Item was modified to relate an arrangement between the Firm and affiliate of Merrill Lynch & Co. (the "Placement Agent") whereby the Placement Agent may receive a one-time or ongoing payments based upon a percentage of the assets of the Client allocated to the account.

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4. Advisory Business

A. INTRODUCTION

Stamos Capital Partners, L.P. (“Stamos Capital” or the “Firm”) is an independent, privately owned investment advisory firm that invests using an endowment-style approach. The Firm’s predecessor began providing advisory services in June 2002, initially acting as the family office of Mr. Peter S. Stamos, the Firm’s founder, and a select group of other families. Today, the Firm provides advisory services to private investment funds managed by Stamos Capital (the “SCP Funds”) and to high-net-worth individuals, family offices, foundations, endowments, trusts, and other clients (the “Other Clients” and together with the SCP Funds, the “Clients”).

As of December 31, 2015, Stamos Capital managed more than \$4 billion in assets, including approximately \$1.5 billion on a discretionary basis and \$2.5 billion on a non-discretionary basis.

Stamos Capital is substantially owned by persons who are the Firm’s Partners or employees, members of the Stamos family, and Mr. Ronald B. Johnson. Messrs. Stamos and Johnson each own greater than 25% of the Firm, and the Firm provides family office services to each one.

B. ADVISORY SERVICES

Overview

Stamos Capital provides advisory services to Clients, which may include SCP Funds. In addition to providing discretionary and non-discretionary investment advisory services, Stamos Capital reviews the total asset allocation and wealth portfolios of high-net-worth individuals and their family offices and makes allocation recommendations to them based upon the Firm’s macroeconomic outlook, portfolio diversification considerations, and the Client’s stated investment objectives. The Firm refers to these additional services as “wealth management services.”

Endowment-Style Investing

Stamos Capital’s investment approach is based upon the endowment style of investing similar to that adopted by select university endowments. The endowment style of investment seeks to generate higher risk-adjusted returns, with lower volatility, by expanding the number of asset classes and strategies used to create a portfolio. This broad-based, flexible investment mandate typically is not limited by geography, sector, industry, or other investment criteria, or by trading strategy, such as leverage. As the Firm’s endowment style of investing is based upon allocations to single or multiple asset classes, the investment programs of Clients advised by Stamos Capital may include, but are not limited to, allocations to a broad range of asset classes such as fixed income, absolute return, public equity, private equity, and real assets, subject to the specific investment objectives and investment restrictions of the Client.

C. TAILORED ADVISORY SERVICES AND INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS

Stamos Capital tailors its advisory (including sub-advisory) services to the investment objectives of its Clients.

SCP Funds

The investment strategies, including investment restrictions and limitations, for each of the SCP Funds are set forth in their respective governing and organizational documents (the “Governing Documents”). While the SCP Funds may have similar and overlapping investment strategies and investment parameters, Stamos Capital provides its advisory services to each SCP Fund based upon that SCP Fund’s individual investment objectives, which may be tailored to a certain type of investor (such as a U.S. tax-exempt investor). Each SCP Fund may have its own investment limitations or restrictions.

The SCP Funds invest in private investment funds or through managed accounts (collectively, “Underlying Portfolio Funds”) managed by fund managers (“Underlying Managers”) selected by Stamos Capital. The SCP Funds may also invest their assets directly in public or private equity, venture capital, real assets, mutual funds, exchange-traded funds (“ETFs”), debt, or other securities, including through secondary transactions. Advisory services provided to the SCP Funds include identifying and negotiating investment opportunities, making investments, and directing the management, monitoring, and disposition of investments, in each case in accordance with the Governing Documents of the relevant SCP Fund.

The Governing Documents of an SCP Fund, including the discussion of risk factors and conflicts of interest provided therein, should be carefully reviewed prior to making any investment. Prospective investors in any SCP Fund should be aware that they do not have the authority to direct the investments made by the SCP Fund in which they invest. Stamos Capital or an affiliate may enter into agreements with certain investors to provide for specific investment terms that are more favorable than those provided to other investors (“Side Letters”).

Other Clients

Stamos Capital also provides discretionary and non-discretionary advisory services to Other Clients. Similar to the advisory services provided to the SCP Funds, advisory services provided to Other Clients generally utilize an endowment-style investment approach, taking into account the individual investment needs of the Other Client, including their investment objectives and their investment restrictions and limitations.

Stamos Capital typically conducts an initial review and analysis of the Other Client’s existing investment portfolio, if any, and recommends an allocation of assets, including but not limited to the SCP Funds, and to public and private securities. Asset allocation and risk management recommendations consider the Other Client’s risk tolerance, liquidity requirements, investment objectives and limitations, and the Firm’s overall macroeconomic outlook. The Firm arranges or effectuates securities transactions for its discretionary Other Clients.

Stamos Capital provides ongoing asset allocation analysis to certain Other Clients, taking into consideration, if requested by the Other Client, the Other Client’s assets held outside of Stamos

Capital. The Firm may recommend certain SCP Funds or Underlying Portfolio Funds for investment by the Other Client for portfolio diversification purposes.

D. WRAP FEE PROGRAMS

This Item is not applicable to Stamos Capital.

E. ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT

As of December 31, 2015, Stamos Capital's "Regulatory Assets Under Management," as listed in Form ADV Part 1A, Item 5, was \$4,112,050,115, including \$1,587,878,112 managed on a discretionary basis and \$2,524,172,039 managed on a non-discretionary basis. Valuation for certain Underlying Portfolio Funds was calculated as of September 30, 2015, the last date final (but unaudited) numbers were provided by the respective Underlying Managers. Due to the prescribed methodology for calculating Regulatory Assets Under Management, where a Client has invested in multiple SCP Funds, such assets may be counted more than once.

5. Fees and Compensation

A. ADVISORY FEES AND COMPENSATION

SCP Funds

The Governing Documents or investment advisory agreement of each SCP Fund set forth the manner in which Stamos Capital is compensated for its advisory services.

Advisory fees are generally non-negotiable, although Stamos Capital has the discretion to waive, alter or reduce any fees or allocations owed by an investor for its advisory services. As a general matter, the investors in the SCP Funds are "qualified purchasers" under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), and satisfy the criteria set forth in Section 205(a) relating to performance compensation paid to investment advisers. Any performance fee or allocation paid to the Firm will be in accordance with Section 205(a) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended (the "Advisers Act"). Investors that invest in an SCP Fund that, in turn, invests in another SCP Fund are charged a management fee and a performance fee by one SCP Fund only.

Stamos Capital generally charges investors a management fee computed at an annual rate of up to 1% of assets under management, paid at the beginning of each quarter, as described in the Governing Documents or investment advisory agreement of each SCP Fund.

Performance fees, where applicable, generally range from 5% to 20%, but may be 30% or more, of net profits, as described in the relevant Governing Documents or investment advisory agreement of each SCP Fund. Generally, the Firm or an affiliate of the Firm collect performance-based fees after the end of each fiscal year.

Investors in an SCP Fund bear their respective pro rata portion of management fees and performance fees payable by the SCP Fund to Stamos Capital and its affiliates. Investors also bear the management fees and performance fees charged by the Underlying Portfolio Funds in which the SCP Fund invests.

Different performance compensation arrangements may create an incentive for Stamos Capital to direct the best investment ideas to, or to allocate or sequence trades in favor of, (i) Client accounts with performance compensation arrangements over accounts that are not charged, or from which the Firm will not receive performance compensation (e.g., because the account is below its high water mark), and (ii) Client accounts from which the Firm will receive a greater performance compensation over Client accounts from which the Firm will receive lesser performance compensation. Other Clients are not charged an advisory fee for assets invested in a given SCP Fund.

Other Clients

Stamos Capital separately negotiates the terms, including management and performance fees, for advisory services provided to Other Clients and describes such terms in the Other Client's governing investment advisory agreement.

Stamos Capital generally does not charge additional fees to review an Other Client's overall asset allocation, including assets and other securities held by third-party investment advisers. The Firm will reduce the advisory fees payable by Other Clients to offset management fees they are subject to due to their investment in an SCP Fund.

B. PAYMENT OF FEES

SCP Funds

SCP Funds generally deduct management fees from an investor's capital account quarterly in advance, and at fiscal year-end for any applicable performance fees. SCP Fund investors who choose to withdraw at a point in time that does not coincide with an ordinary billing period, such as quarter-end or year-end, will be allocated their share of any applicable fees, including performance fees, associated with the time period.

Other Clients

Other Clients receive invoices in accordance with the billing periods defined in their respective investment advisory agreement.

C. ADDITIONAL FEES AND EXPENSES

Each SCP Fund bears expenses related to its operations, including without limitation, investment-related expenses, such as management and administrative fees charged by the Underlying Portfolio Funds, performance-based fees paid to the Underlying Managers, expenses related to the purchase and sale of illiquid securities, brokerage commissions, research expenses, interest on margin accounts and other indebtedness, bank service fees, professional

fees (including, without limitation, expenses of consultants and experts), and investment-related travel expenses; legal, accounting (including the cost of accounting software packages), audit, and tax preparation expenses; administration expenses (including fees and expenses of the SCP Fund's administrator); expenses incurred by the Firm related to the provision of administrative services (including compensation of personnel and employee benefits); organizational expenses; expenses incurred in connection with the offer and sale of interests in the SCP Fund and other similar expenses related to the SCP Fund; and extraordinary expenses.

For SCP Funds that are in liquidation, Stamos Capital does not charge an investment management fee; however, the Firm does charge an administration fee to each such SCP Fund equal to 0.5% of that SCP Fund's net asset value. Investors in each of the SCP Funds in liquidation bear their pro rata portion of that Fund's administration fee.

Each Other Client may be subject to some or all of the expenses and fees detailed above, including brokerage commissions, subject to the terms of the Other Client's investment advisory agreement. See Item 12 for an additional discussion of the Firm's brokerage practices.

D. PREPAYMENT OF FEES

The SCP Funds deduct management fees from an investor's capital account balance quarterly in advance. Investors who choose to withdraw at a point in time that does not coincide with a quarter-end will be allocated their share of any applicable fees, including performance fees associated with the given time period. Specifically, in the case of a withdrawal by an investor in an SCP Fund other than as of the last day of a fiscal quarter, Stamos Capital will return a pro rata portion of the management fee (based upon the actual number of days remaining in such partial fiscal quarter) to the SCP Fund for distribution to such withdrawing investor.

With respect to Other Clients, investors receive invoices in accordance with the billing periods defined in the governing investment advisory agreement.

E. COMPENSATION FOR THE SALE OF SECURITIES OR OTHER INVESTMENT PRODUCTS

This Item is not applicable to Stamos Capital.

6. Performance-Based Fees and Side-By-Side Management

Some Client fees are based partly upon the performance of investments ("performance-based fees"), including investments in certain SCP Funds.

Stamos Capital may advise or manage Client accounts or SCP Funds that pay an asset-based fee side by side with Clients that pay performance-based fees. Performance-based fees provide the Firm the opportunity to receive more, or less, compensation than fees based upon assets under management. Performance-based fees may create an incentive for the Firm to recommend risky or speculative investments, or an incentive to favor accounts with such fee payment

arrangements over other accounts in the allocation of investment opportunities. The Firm seeks to mitigate these potential conflicts, including as described generally below.

Stamos Capital attempts to resolve all potential or actual conflicts in a manner that is generally fair to all of its Clients. The Firm recommends an investment to a Client only if the Firm believes the recommendation is appropriate for the Client and is in the Client's best interest. An investment may not be appropriate for all Client accounts, and recommendations are made independent of the consideration of fees payable by an account. Stamos Capital's investment team reviews each potential investment recommended by the Firm and, if the investment is approved, actively monitors the investment after the initial recommendation.

7. Types of Clients

Stamos Capital's Clients consist of the SCP Funds and primarily high-net-worth individuals and family offices, their investing vehicles, and foundations, endowments, and trusts. In addition, the Firm's Clients may include government and private pension plans and other institutional investors. In certain limited circumstances Stamos Capital provides sub-advisory services to other investment advisers.

The minimum initial SCP Fund subscription ordinarily is \$5 million; however, such minimums vary by SCP Fund and Stamos Capital may accept smaller accounts. Although there is no designated minimum account size for Other Clients, ordinarily Stamos Capital will not enter into an investment advisory relationship with an Other Client for an investment amount less than \$5 million.

8. Methods of Analysis, Investment Strategies and Risk of Loss

The following is a summary of the methods of analysis and investment strategies used by Stamos Capital in providing its advisory services, as well as a description of some of the significant risks that may be involved in the Firm's investment approach. Investors and prospective investors should also carefully review the risk factors and conflicts of interest identified in the Governing Documents of the SCP Funds in which they have invested or may invest.

A. METHODS OF ANALYSIS AND INVESTMENT STRATEGIES

Investment Philosophy

Stamos Capital believes some of the most sophisticated institutional investors have been a select group of university endowments investing across a broad range of traditional and alternative asset classes. The Firm seeks to invest using a similar endowment-style investment approach. The Firm's investment approach favors a broad-based, flexible investment mandate with asset

allocation across multiple asset classes, including but not limited to fixed income, absolute return, public equity, private equity, and real assets.

Methods of Analysis

Stamos Capital's investment decisions are based upon many factors, including: macroeconomic views, asset allocation, investment access, risk management, and long-term investment horizons.

Asset Allocation. In determining asset allocation, Stamos Capital begins with a top-down macroeconomic view of current and projected monetary, fiscal, and economic conditions, both global and domestic. The Firm seeks to use its knowledge across various economic and investment sectors to create an investment plan that balances allocations and strategies according to perceived investment potential and investment risk.

Stamos Capital's macroeconomic view drives the Firm's target asset allocation across three major investment categories: Capital Preservation, Capital Appreciation, and Capital Stability.

Through allocations to Capital Preservation assets, Stamos Capital seeks to preserve capital by reducing volatility and hedging against deflation. Assets held within Capital Preservation seek to provide consistent risk-adjusted returns relatively independent of market movement. These assets may be a source of liquidity for funding new investment opportunities. Capital Preservation may include allocations to **cash**, **fixed income** and **absolute return**.

Through allocations to Capital Appreciation assets, Stamos Capital generally seeks to provide higher returns (albeit with potentially higher risk) than those within Capital Preservation. Allocations to publicly-traded and privately-held securities are made using a variety of trading strategies, including but not limited to hedging strategies. The Capital Appreciation investment category may include allocations to **public equity** (long-only or long/short strategies) and **private equity** (including through private seed, venture capital, growth equity, buyout, distressed and co-investment private and direct investments).

Finally, through allocations to Capital Stability, Stamos Capital seeks to diversify the endowment-style portfolio through investments in assets that the Firm expects will have a relatively lower correlation to the investment returns of traditional asset classes. This approach may mitigate risk and mark-to-market volatility in the broader endowment-style portfolio. The Capital Stability investment category may include allocations to **real assets** (including real estate, natural resources, agriculture, minerals, infrastructure, and operating assets).

Actual allocations across the investment categories are adjusted as necessary by Stamos Capital to reflect its revised macroeconomic outlook based upon changing fiscal, economic, and monetary circumstances. Shifts in allocation, or tactical tilts, are undertaken strategically to help achieve and maintain balance aligning the Firm's macroeconomic view with current market conditions.

The Firm believes that a portfolio balanced among the traditional and alternative asset classes and investment strategies described above may enhance the Client's ability to withstand changing economic and market conditions.

Investment Access. Stamos Capital seeks access to attractive deal flow and high-quality managers. Sought-after private fund managers may be closed to new capital or have high investment minimums that are unappealing to high-net-worth individuals and family offices seeking to invest on a diversified basis. The Firm has business and industry relationships with a number of these managers and is actively engaged in meeting new and emerging managers. As a result, Clients may have allocation opportunities not generally available to other investors.

Due to Stamos Capital's years of experience within the investment management industry, both as fund investors and as direct principal investors, the Firm has developed a network of relationships with private fund managers, including in Silicon Valley, where the Firm is based. The Firm's access to private fund managers may provide additional and attractive investment opportunities for Clients.

Risk Management. Stamos Capital seeks to manage investment risk through diversification, manager and company due diligence, and ongoing monitoring and rebalancing. Diversification is an important tool to help mitigate risk within an investment portfolio. The Firm's long-term asset allocation seeks to maintain disciplined exposure to multiple asset classes, with variance across sectors (public and private), industries, and geographies. At times, the Firm may engage in tactical tilts, over- or under-weighting specific asset classes in relation to the long-term target allocation based upon the Firm's macroeconomic outlook. The goal of these tactical tilts is to help mitigate risk and enhance returns.

Stamos Capital engages in bottom-up analysis of managers and public and private companies, taking into account criteria such as historical performance, sector and industry performance, and manager risk management. This process seeks to identify the merits and risks of potential investments. Investment fund due diligence may examine, among other criteria, performance and risk management techniques; volatility of manager results; potential conflicts of interest; liquidity constraints; degrees of market correlation and non-correlation; employment of leverage; and fees and intangible criteria related to Underlying Portfolio Funds, Underlying Managers, and their personnel. The evaluation of direct investments may include examination of company financial reports; analysis of a company's ability to generate cash flow; assessment of company management; and a review of research reports on the company, among other factors.

Stamos Capital monitors performance reports provided by Underlying Managers of the SCP Funds, and the Firm communicates with Underlying Managers to discuss fund performance and market outlook. Key findings from performance reports and Underlying Manager discussions, as well as the Firm's macroeconomic outlook, inform the Firm's decisions regarding whether to maintain, increase or withdraw from Underlying Portfolio Funds. For direct investments, the Firm considers, among other factors, performance, risk, financial reports, and other research related to its direct investments in order to make tactical decisions regarding rebalancing these securities.

Stamos Capital monitors and rebalances Client portfolios as it deems necessary.

Long-Term Investment Horizon. As a general matter, Stamos Capital invests with a long-term investment horizon in mind, seeking a diversified asset mix that the Firm expects will weather periods of market volatility over time. A long-term investment horizon also allows for investments in less liquid asset classes.

B. MATERIAL, SIGNIFICANT, OR UNUSUAL RISKS RELATING TO INVESTMENT STRATEGIES

The following sections discuss the key risks associated with Stamos Capital's investment strategies, methods of analysis, and securities types. Additional and more detailed information may be found in the Governing Documents for each SCP Fund, or in the Client's investment advisory agreement.

Investing in securities by its nature involves risk of loss that Clients should be prepared to bear. There can be no assurance that a Client account or an SCP Fund will perform well or achieve its investment objectives. Similarly, there can be no assurance that an Underlying Portfolio Fund or direct investments will perform well. The timing of profit realization, if any, is highly uncertain. There can be no assurance that any Other Client account, SCP Fund or Underlying Portfolio Fund will be adequately compensated for investment risks taken. For any given investment, the possibility of a partial or total loss of capital exists, and prospective Clients and investors should not invest unless they can readily bear the consequences of such loss.

1. Investment Strategy Risk

Endowment-Style Investing

In general, the Firm invests through an endowment style, which includes allocating investments to an expanded number of asset classes and strategies, including alternative strategies and investments, such as hedge, private equity, natural resources, and real estate funds, in addition to traditional stocks and bonds. The endowment style of investing, including alternative strategies, is designed to provide a broad spectrum of return-enhancing or risk-reducing strategies. The endowment style of investing can produce certain risks, including an increased cost of investing or portfolio management, over-diversification resulting in overall reduced returns, unforeseen and complex tax considerations, increased volatility that fails to capture related returns, increased illiquidity, and the permanent loss of capital due to bankruptcy or restructuring in private placements. Because asset allocations are based in large part upon the non-correlating performance histories of various asset classes, if those assets classes in fact perform in an unexpectedly correlated manner, then volatility may increase and returns may decrease. If this occurs on a large scale, then the maximum risk of loss associated with the volatility, known as the "maximum drawdown" or the maximum decline in value from peak-to-trough, may make it difficult or impossible to recover enough value to break-even during the investment horizon. There is no assurance that the endowment style of investing will perform as designed.

Past Performance Results

Past performance is not indicative of future results. Similarly, historical performance is not a guarantee or prediction of future performance.

Reliance on Key Personnel

While Stamos Capital has significant depth and experience in investing, specifically in private fund investing, the loss of one or more of the Firm's senior personnel could adversely impact the Firm's and the SCP Funds' ability to successfully implement investment strategies.

Legal, Tax, and Regulatory Risk

There has been an increase in scrutiny of the private investment fund industry by governmental agencies and self-regulatory organizations. New laws and regulations or actions taken by regulators that restrict the activities of private funds could have a material adverse impact on the Firm's ability to execute its investment program. Legal reforms, such as the U.S. Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the "Dodd-Frank Act"), have resulted in extensive rulemaking and regulatory changes that affect private fund managers, the funds that they manage, and the financial industry as a whole. Under the Dodd-Frank Act, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC") and the SEC have mandated (and will mandate) new recordkeeping, reporting, central clearing and mandatory trading on electronic facilities requirements for investment advisers, which add costs to the legal, operational, and compliance obligations of Stamos Capital, the SCP Funds, the Underlying Managers, and the Underlying Portfolio Funds.

Information Systems and Operational Risks

Stamos Capital and the Underlying Managers rely upon information systems to store sensitive information related to the Firm, investments, Clients, and affiliates, and depend upon multiple financial, trading, accounting, and other data processing systems to monitor portfolios and capital and to generate trade and financial management and other reports that are critical to the implementation of investment strategies and to the oversight of investment activities. The Firm processes, stores, and transmits large amounts of electronic information, including information relating to personally identifiable information of Clients and investors. Certain activities are dependent upon systems operated by third parties, including the fund administrator, market counterparties, and other service providers, and neither the Firm nor the Underlying Managers may be in a position to verify the risks or reliability of such third-party systems. The techniques used to obtain unauthorized access to data, disable or degrade service, or sabotage systems change frequently and may be difficult to detect for long periods of time. If the Firm, its service providers, or Underlying Managers fail to adopt or adhere to adequate data security policies, or in the event of a breach of their respective networks, information relating to transactions or personally identifiable information may be lost or improperly accessed, used or disclosed. Breach of information systems may cause Clients to suffer, among other things, financial loss, the disruption of its business, liability to third parties, regulatory intervention or reputational damage.

Assumption of Business, Terrorism and Catastrophe Risks

Stamos Capital and its related investments are subject to the risk of loss arising from exposure that it may incur due to the occurrence of various events, including, without limitation, hurricanes, earthquakes, other natural disasters, terrorism and other catastrophic events. These

risks of loss can be substantial and could have a material adverse effect on any Client account, including the SCP Funds.

Other Client Allocations

Assets placed in a managed account, rather than invested in funds or other private investment vehicles, present a theoretically unlimited liability, and it is possible that, given the leverage certain Underlying Managers employ, a Client could lose more in a managed account directed by a particular Underlying Manager than had assets been placed in an Underlying Portfolio Fund.

Market Risks

Status of Markets and Economic Conditions. The outcome of any investment activity is determined to some degree by general economic conditions, which may affect the level and volatility of equity and debt markets, interest rates, and the extent and timing of investor participation in the equity securities and interest-rate markets. Investment performance will be materially affected by conditions in the global financial markets and economic conditions generally. The global markets may offer a lack of liquidity, general uncertainty about economic activity levels, substantially increased volatility and short-selling, and an overall reduction of investor and consumer confidence. Changing economic conditions in the global economy or in specific regional economies may also impact the ability to reduce relative investment risk. The stability and sustainability of growth in global economies may be rapidly impacted by extrinsic factors, such as risks inherent in the financial system, economic intervention by governments, monetary policy actions by certain banks, terrorism or acts of war.

Derivatives. Derivatives, such as options, swaps, futures, structured securities and other instruments and contracts that are derived from, or the value of which is related to, one or more underlying securities, financial benchmarks, currencies or indices, derive their performance, at least in part, from the performance of an underlying asset, index or interest rate and generally involve a higher degree of risk. Derivatives typically allow an investor to hedge or speculate on the price movements of a particular security, financial benchmark currency, index or commodity at a fraction of the cost of investing in the underlying asset. The decision as to when and to what extent to hedge or follow other trading strategies depends on many factors. There can be no assurance that hedging or other trading strategies will be available or effective or that the performance of the hedge will correspond appropriately to that of the assets hedged. Most of these instruments are not traded on exchanges, but rather through a network of banks and dealers that have no obligation to make markets in them and can apply essentially discretionary margin and credit requirements (and thus in effect force an Underlying Manager to close out positions). Some derivatives carry the risk of failure to perform by the counterparty to the transaction.

Market movements are difficult to predict, and financing sources and related interest rates are subject to rapid change, which may produce significant, rapid and unpredictable changes or price instability, market illiquidity, or credit distress. Price movements of futures contracts and

other derivative contracts are influenced by, among other things, interest rates, changing supply and demand relationships, trade, fiscal, monetary and exchange control programs and policies of governments, and national and international political and economic events and policies. In addition, governments from time to time intervene, directly and by regulation, in certain markets, particularly those in currencies, financial instruments, and interest rate-related futures and options. Such intervention is often intended to directly influence prices and may, together with other factors, cause all of such markets to move rapidly in the same direction because of, among other things, interest rate fluctuations. Certain derivatives also involve embedded leverage, and a relatively small price movement in the underlying reference security may result in substantial losses to the Underlying Portfolio Fund. Non-performance by counterparties, for financial or other reasons, could create losses, whether or not the transaction itself was profitable. The market for derivatives instruments is developing and Stamos Capital or the Underlying Managers may invest in derivatives that currently are not available, but that may be developed. Special risks may apply to instruments that cannot be determined at this time or until such instruments are developed.

Short-Selling. Some Underlying Managers may engage in short selling. Short selling involves selling securities, which the seller may or may not own, and borrowing the same securities for delivery to the purchaser, with an obligation to replace the borrowed securities at a later date. Short selling allows the investor to profit from declines in the price of securities. A short sale creates the risk of a theoretically unlimited loss, in that the price of the underlying security could theoretically increase without limit, thus increasing the cost of buying those securities back to cover the short position. There can be no assurance that the securities necessary to cover a short position will be available for purchase. Purchasing securities to close out the short position can itself cause the price of the securities to rise further, thereby exacerbating the loss.

Systemic and Counterparty Risk. "Over-the-counter" or "interdealer" markets typically are not subject to credit evaluation and regulatory oversight as are members of "exchange based" markets. Investing in swaps, derivatives or synthetic instruments, or other over-the-counter transactions on these markets may involve credit risk with regard to trading counterparties and may bear the risk of settlement default. These risks may differ materially from those entailed in exchange-traded transactions, which generally are backed by clearing organization guarantees, daily marking-to-market and settlement, and segregation and minimum capital requirements applicable to intermediaries. Transactions entered directly between two counterparties generally do not benefit from such protections and pose the risk that a counterparty will not settle a transaction in accordance with its terms and conditions because of a dispute over the terms of the contract (whether or not bona fide) or because of a credit or liquidity problem, thus causing a loss. Such "counterparty risk" is accentuated for contracts with longer maturities where events may intervene to prevent settlement, or where transactions are concentrated with a single or small group of counterparties. Credit risk may arise through a default by one of several large institutions that are dependent on one another to meet their liquidity or operational needs, so that a default by one institution causes a series of defaults by the other institutions. This is sometimes referred to as a "systemic risk" and may adversely affect

financial intermediaries, such as clearing agencies, clearing houses, banks, securities firms and exchanges, with which the Underlying Managers interact on a daily basis. In the case of a default, a Client account could become subject to adverse market movements while replacement transactions are executed. There are no restrictions from dealing with any particular counterparty or from concentrating any or all of their transactions with one counterparty. Moreover, there is no internal credit function that evaluates the creditworthiness of its counterparties.

Investing Globally. Any investment in a foreign country involves risks not found in the domestic securities market, including the following risks: economic and financial instability in the foreign country, which in some cases may include a collapse in credit markets, stock prices, currencies, or consumer spending; adverse social and political developments, including nationalization, confiscation without fair compensation, political and social instability, and war; foreign-government imposed restrictions on the repatriation of investment income or capital or on the ability of foreign persons to invest in certain types of companies, assets, or securities; the possible lack of availability of sufficient financial information as a result of corporate governance, accounting, auditing, and financial reporting standards that differ, in some cases significantly, from those in the United States; lack of adequate legal recourse for the redress of disputes, and in some countries the pursuit of such disputes may be subject to a highly prejudiced legal system, including in particular the laws with respect to the rights of investors that may not be as comprehensive or well developed as those in the United States and the procedures for the judicial or other enforcement of such rights that may not be as effective as in the United States; significant variability in the volume of trading; volatility of prices and the liquidity of issuers in the markets of different countries; foreign government imposed limitations on the ability to invest in securities of certain issuers located in those countries; delays in settlement that may result in temporary periods when assets are un-invested and no return is earned thereon; risks related to the fact that some investments may be denominated in foreign currencies and therefore will be subject to fluctuations in exchange rates; the level of government supervision and regulation of securities exchanges, securities dealers and listed and unlisted companies differing throughout the world; the possibility of expropriation or confiscatory taxation, imposition of withholding or other taxes on dividends, interest, capital gains or other income; limitations on the removal of funds or other assets; managed or manipulated exchange rates and other issues affecting currency conversion; political or social instability or diplomatic developments that could affect investments in those countries; and risks related to applicable tax laws and regulations and tax treaties, which are likely to vary from country to country and may be less well developed than those in the United States, possibly resulting in retroactive taxation, so a fund could become subject to an unanticipated local tax liability. Further, a non-United States investment may require significant government approvals under corporate, securities, exchange control, foreign investment and other similar laws, and may require financing and structuring alternatives that differ significantly from those customarily used in the United States.

Emerging Markets. Investing in companies based in emerging markets (including, without limitation, in the People's Republic of China, India, other South and Southeast Asian countries, Russia, Africa, South America, Middle Eastern countries, and Eastern European countries) involves considerations that include political and economic factors, such as greater risks of expropriation, nationalization, and general social, political, and economic instability; the small size of the securities markets in emerging markets and the low volume of trading, resulting in potential lack of liquidity and price volatility; fluctuations in the rate of exchange between currencies and costs associated with currency conversion; potential for governments to impose currency controls, thereby limiting the ability to repatriate investment principal and accumulated appreciation or depreciation; inconsistencies among local, regional, and national laws; and certain government policies that may restrict investment opportunities. An Underlying Portfolio Fund or Underlying Manager, as a foreigner, may be subject to legal or regulatory constraints or prejudices that do not affect local investors. Less investment and other information may be available to investors, and there may be a lack of uniform accounting, auditing, and financial reporting standards, inadequate settlement procedures, and potential difficulties in enforcing contractual obligations.

Foreign Exchange Risks. The prices of debt and equity securities, and other financial instruments, denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar are determined with reference to currencies other than the U.S. dollar. However, Stamos Capital values securities and other assets in U.S. dollars. To the extent currency risk is unhedged, the value of such assets will fluctuate with U.S. dollar exchange rates and because of valuation change in the investment. Thus, an increase in the value of the U.S. dollar against another currency reduces the effect of price gains and magnifies price decreases on the security in the local market. Conversely, a decrease in the value of the U.S. dollar against another currency increases the effective price gains and magnifies price increases on the security in the local market. Forward currency contracts and options may be used to hedge against currency fluctuations; however, there can be no assurance that such hedging transactions will be effective.

Suspensions of Trading. Securities and commodities exchanges typically can suspend or limit trading in any instrument traded on the exchange. A suspension could render it impossible to liquidate positions and could expose Clients and investors to losses.

Lack of Liquidity. The markets for some instruments have limited liquidity and depth or may in the future experience periods of limited liquidity and depth. In addition, under certain market conditions, such as during volatile markets or when trading in a security or market is otherwise impaired, the liquidity of the Underlying Managers' portfolio positions may be further reduced. This lack of liquidity could be a disadvantage both in the realization of quoted prices and in the execution of orders at desired prices. Accordingly, Client accounts may be required to hold investments for a longer period of time than desired or may be required to mark down the value of investments that are subject to such limited liquidity. Furthermore, if substantial trading losses are incurred, the need for liquidity could rise sharply while access to liquidity could be impaired. In addition, in conjunction with a market downturn, counterparties could incur losses of their own, thereby weakening their financial condition and increasing

credit risk, which would adversely affect the ability to rebalance portfolios or to meet withdrawal requests.

Interest Rate Risk. A decline in interest rates could reduce the amount of current income that investments are able to generate from interest on convertible and floating rate debt and the proceeds of short sales. An increase in interest rates could reduce the value of debt and convertible securities. To the extent that the cash flow from a fixed income security is known in advance, the present value (i.e., discounted value) of that cash flow decreases as interest rates increase; to the extent that the cash flow is contingent, the dollar value of the payment may be linked to then-prevailing interest rates. Moreover, the value of many fixed income securities depends upon the shape of the yield curve, not just on a single interest rate. Thus, for example, a callable cash flow, the coupons of which depend on a short rate such as three-month London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR"), may shorten (i.e., be called away) if the long rate decreases. In this way, such securities are exposed to the difference between long rates and short rates. The value of floating rate securities is closely tied to the absolute levels of such rates, or the market's perception of anticipated changes in those rates. This introduces additional risk factors related to the movements in specific interest rates that may be difficult to hedge and may also interact in a complex fashion with prepayment risks.

2. Methods of Analysis

Investment and Due Diligence Process

Before making investments, Stamos Capital will conduct due diligence that it deems reasonable and appropriate based upon the facts and circumstances applicable to each investment. When conducting due diligence, the Firm may be required to evaluate important and complex business, financial, valuation, tax, accounting, and legal issues. In other instances, the Firm may rely exclusively on secondary research (or due diligence) provided by another investor, whether or not the Firm has access to the results of the research or diligence conducted by such other parties or has had prior dealings with an Underlying Manager. When conducting due diligence and making an assessment regarding an investment, the Firm relies upon the resources reasonably available to it, which in some circumstances, whether or not known to the Firm at the time, may not be sufficient, accurate, complete or reliable. Access to information and due diligence opportunities may also vary significantly depending on the method of investment used (e.g., direct investment, joint venture or through Underlying Portfolio Funds). Due diligence may not reveal or highlight matters that could have a material adverse effect on the value of an investment.

Proprietary Investment Strategies

Underlying Managers may use proprietary investment strategies that are based upon considerations and factors that are not fully disclosed to Stamos Capital. These strategies may involve risks under some market conditions that are not anticipated by the Underlying Managers or the SCP Funds. The Underlying Managers generally use investment strategies that differ from those typically employed by traditional managers of portfolios of stocks and bonds. These strategies may involve significantly more risk and higher transaction costs than more

traditional investment methods. In addition, the performance of the Underlying Managers may be closely correlated in some market conditions, resulting (if those returns are negative) in significant losses.

General Risks Relating to Underlying Managers and Other Financial Intermediaries

In connection with investments in Underlying Portfolio Funds, Clients will be dependent upon Underlying Managers, which will have custody and control of Other Client and SCP Fund assets invested in such Underlying Managers' Underlying Portfolio Funds. The failure of an Underlying Manager or financial intermediary to fulfill its obligations may have a material adverse effect on the related investment and overall performance. If any Underlying Manager, any other financial intermediary, or any of such Underlying Manager's or financial intermediary's counterparties becomes insolvent or files for bankruptcy, a Client or investor could suffer complete or partial losses and increased illiquidity.

Availability of Suitable Opportunities

Stamos Capital identifies and invests in Underlying Portfolio Funds or other investments that meet the desired investment criteria. Identifying attractive investment opportunities and the right investment advisers is difficult and involves a high degree of uncertainty. The identification of an attractive fund or security does not ensure that access will be provided or available to that particular fund or security, for reasons including but not limited to the high level of investor demand some funds receive.

Multiple Asset Classes

Investments in multiple asset classes, including, but not limited to, investments in equity securities, debt instruments, derivatives, contracts and other assets involve the risk of capital loss. A variety of investment strategies designed to improve returns, reduce the total portfolio risk or both, such as buying and selling of puts and calls on both a covered and uncovered basis, buying and selling of derivatives, including swap contracts, futures contracts, forward contracts and custom derivative or synthetic instruments, securities borrowing and selling short, investing borrowed funds secured by the Underlying Manager's investment portfolio, and offsetting positions in various credit or equity instruments, including unsecured and secured debt, preferred stock, common stock and derivatives, may instead increase the adverse impact on returns.

Conflicts Related to Multiple Underlying Managers

Because the Underlying Managers make their trading decisions independently, it is theoretically possible that one or more of such Underlying Manager may, at any time, take investment positions that are opposite of positions taken by other Underlying Managers. The Underlying Portfolio Funds or separate accounts may on occasion be competing with each other for similar positions at the same time.

Co-Investments with Third Parties

Co-investments with third parties may negatively impact the returns of such investment if, for example, a third-party co-venturer has financial difficulties, has economic or business interests

or goals that are inconsistent with those of the Firm's Clients, or is in a position to take (or block) action in a contrary manner. In circumstances where such third parties involve a management group, such third parties may enter into compensation arrangements relating to such investments, including incentive compensation arrangements. Such compensation arrangements will reduce the returns to participants in the investments.

Termination of Interest in an Underlying Portfolio Fund

An Underlying Portfolio Fund may, among other things, terminate a Client's direct or indirect interest if the general partner or Underlying Manager determines that the continued direct or indirect participation of such Client would have a material adverse effect on the Underlying Portfolio Fund or its assets. In particular, if a Client fails to meet its obligation to contribute any portion of its capital commitment to a portfolio investment when that portion is called, such failure could directly or indirectly expose the Client to the default provisions. As a result, the Client may be required to forfeit all or a portion of its investment in the Underlying Portfolio Fund and may be subject to other penalties.

Impact of Investments with a Drawdown Structure

To the extent that capital is needed with respect to an SCP Fund's direct or indirect investment that is structured as a drawdown fund with capital call obligations, the SCP Fund may be required to borrow or liquidate certain investments to fund such obligations. As a result, the SCP Fund may maintain a portion of its capital in cash or highly liquid investment strategies, neither of which may provide for significant capital appreciation, in order for funds to be available for investment drawdowns as they are called.

Diversification and Concentration

Stamos Capital expects to build portfolio holdings in multiple asset classes, designed to afford certain expected diversification benefits, such as the reduction in exposure to adverse events associated with specific issuers or industries. However, investments in overlapping strategies could result in large positions in the same or related securities in a Client account. In addition, the cumulative effect of all asset classifications, which are made subject to inherent subjectivity, may result in risk of a skewed perception by the Firm of the true risk and return characteristics of its overall portfolio. As a result, certain asset classes may be under- or over-weighted relative to the Firm's preferred asset allocation targets and, accordingly, a Client's account may be over- or under-allocated to certain asset classes or may be subject to concentration risks within the portfolio as a result. The Firm's ability to avoid such concentration depends on its ability to liquidate or reallocate Client capital among existing or new Underlying Portfolio Funds or separate accounts, which might not be feasible for several months if withdrawals and contributions are limited. In addition, certain asset classes may be generally more difficult to value accurately, such as private equity or illiquid credit, and inaccuracies in valuation may result in departures of the actual portfolio from the intended asset allocation targets. Additionally, diversification may not be achieved as a result of insufficient investment opportunities or insufficient assets available for investment as a result of insufficient

subscriptions or withdrawals by fund investors. Consequently, returns as a whole may be adversely affected by the unfavorable performance of even a single investment or strategy.

Allocation Risk

Stamos Capital has the discretion to under- or over-weight allocations among asset classes, strategies, and funds. There is no assurance that its decisions in this regard will be effective in increasing investment returns or limiting relative risk. In addition, the Firm may be limited in its ability to make changes to allocations due to the subscription and withdrawal provisions of the Underlying Portfolio Funds, including because of notice periods, lock-up periods, and limited subscription and withdrawal dates. In addition, asset allocation decisions made by the Firm will be based largely upon information previously provided by the Underlying Portfolio Funds or separate account managers and collected from third parties. If such information is inaccurate or incomplete, it is possible that the allocation to the asset classes from a risk/reward perspective may not reflect the Firm's intended allocations, which could have a material adverse effect on the ability of the Firm to implement investment objectives.

Investment and Trading Risks in General

All investments in securities and other financial instruments risk the loss of invested capital. Investment techniques such as margin transactions, short sales, option transactions, forward and futures contracts, investing in derivative instruments, and concentrating portfolios in the securities of particular companies, industries or countries, can magnify the adverse impact of market movements.

Leverage (Borrowed Money)

Leverage may be used for operating and investing purposes through one or more credit facilities or one or more derivative instruments. Leverage increases returns if it produces a greater return on leveraged investments than the cost of such leverage. In an unsettled credit environment, it may be difficult or impossible to obtain leverage, which would limit the full implementation of an investment strategy. The use of margin borrowing produces exposure to greater losses from investments than would otherwise have been the case had there been no borrowing to make the investment; margin calls or changes in margin requirements may force premature liquidations of investment positions; and losses on investments where the investment fails to earn a return that equals or exceeds cost of leverage associated with such investment. In case of a sudden, precipitous drop in value of assets, liquidation may not occur quickly enough to repay borrowings, further magnifying the losses incurred.

Valuations

Stamos Capital relies upon information provided by Underlying Managers and other asset custodians regarding the valuation of investments. Securities that do not have readily ascertainable market prices are fair valued by the Firm, and in the case of the SCP Funds, such securities are fair valued by the relevant Underlying Manager, which valuation is deemed conclusive with respect to the SCP Funds. Fair valuation may involve a conflict of interest because the compensation for the firm responsible for valuing the security is also based upon

such valuation. To the extent the values of the assets are determined inaccurately, Clients and investors may be adversely affected in connection with the contribution of additional capital to, or the withdrawal or distribution of capital from, an Underlying Portfolio Fund or SCP Fund. If an investor contributes additional capital, such investor may be adversely affected if the value of the portfolio assets is overstated and the other pre-existing investors would be adversely affected if the value of the portfolio assets is understated. Similarly, an investor that is withdrawing capital is adversely affected if the value of the portfolio assets is understated, and the other non-withdrawing investors would be adversely affected if the value of the portfolio assets is overstated.

Control Position

A Client may obtain a controlling or other substantial position in a public or private company. Such positions may or may not be obtained intentionally as the rights of the various classes of a company's securities may be affected by reorganization, bankruptcy restructuring or liquidation, which could result in holders of debt securities owning a controlling or substantial equity position in a company. Such an entity may be required to make filings concerning its holdings with the SEC, and it may become subject to other regulatory restrictions that could limit the disposition of the holdings.

Portfolio Turnover

The portfolio turnover rates of certain Client accounts and portfolios managed by Underlying Managers may exceed 100% per annum, which would result in increased transaction costs.

Suspensions of Trading

Each exchange typically has the right to suspend or limit trading in all securities that it lists. Such a suspension could render it impossible to liquidate positions and create a potential for losses.

Possible Adverse Effects of Substantial Withdrawals of Capital

In the event that there are substantial withdrawals of capital from an SCP Fund or Underlying Portfolio Fund within a limited period of time, the fund may find it difficult to adjust its asset allocations and trading strategies to the suddenly reduced amount of assets under management. In order to pay withdrawals, such fund may be required to liquidate positions at an inappropriate time or on unfavorable terms, and it may be more difficult to generate additional profits operating on a smaller asset base.

Illiquidity of Investments; Unregulated Transactions

The SCP Funds or the Underlying Portfolio Funds may invest in companies, the securities of which are not at the time of investment, and may never be, publicly traded. These investments may be difficult to value and to sell, or otherwise liquidate, and the risk of investing in such companies is generally much greater than the risk of investing in publicly-traded companies. Companies whose securities are not publicly traded are not subject to the same disclosure and reporting requirements that are generally applicable to companies with publicly-traded securities, nor is the trading of such non-publicly-traded securities regulated by any

government agency. Accordingly, the protections accorded by such regulation are not available in making such investments. When the Underlying Manager of an Underlying Portfolio Fund deems it appropriate, such investments may constitute a material portion of the Underlying Portfolio Fund's assets.

In addition, there can be no assurance that private companies in which a Client or the Underlying Portfolio Funds invest eventually will list its securities on a securities exchange. To the extent that there is no liquid trading market for such investments, the Client or the Underlying Portfolio Funds may be unable to liquidate such investments or may be unable to do so at a profit. Furthermore, there can be no assurance that private purchasers for any illiquid investments made by Clients or the Underlying Portfolio Funds will be found. In addition, in certain circumstances, governmental or regulatory approvals may be required for a Client or an Underlying Portfolio Fund to dispose of an investment, or the Underlying Portfolio Fund may be prohibited by contract or for legal or regulatory reasons from selling an illiquid investment for a period of time.

Financial Failure of Intermediaries

The institutions, including brokerage firms and banks, that serve as counterparties on transactions or to which securities have been entrusted for custodial purposes, may encounter financial difficulties that may impair their operational capabilities or result in losses in Client accounts.

Fixed-Income Securities

Fixed income securities are subject to the risk of the issuer's or a guarantor's inability to meet principal and interest payments on its obligations (i.e., credit risk) and are subject to price volatility due to such factors as interest rate sensitivity, market perception of the creditworthiness of the issuer, the rate of inflation, and general market liquidity (i.e., market risk). In addition, mortgage-backed securities and asset-backed securities may also be subject to call risk and extension risk. Except to the extent that values are independently affected by currency exchange rate fluctuations, when interest rates decline, the value of fixed-income securities generally can be expected to rise. Conversely, when interest rates rise, the value of fixed-income securities generally can be expected to decline. Zero coupon bonds and deferred interest bonds, which are debt obligations issued at a significant discount from face value, experience greater volatility in market value due to changes in interest rates than debt obligations that provide for regular payments of interest of the same maturity.

High-Yield Debt; Distressed Debt

Companies that are in transition, out of favor, financially leveraged or troubled, or potentially troubled, or may be involved in major strategic actions, restructurings, bankruptcy, reorganization or liquidation, are likely to be particularly risky investments although they also may offer the potential for correspondingly high returns. High-yield bonds (commonly known as "junk bonds"), distressed debt instruments, and other debt securities will typically be junior to the obligations of companies to senior creditors, trade creditors, and employees. The lower rating of high-yield debt reflects a greater probability of default and the possibility that the

market for lower grade debt securities may be thinner and less active than that for higher-grade debt securities, and thus less liquid. This could result in an inability to sell such securities for an extended period of time, if at all. There is no minimum prerequisite credit standard for any instrument, and the obligations and preferred stock may be less than investment grade.

Restricted Securities

Restricted securities may not be sold to the public without an effective registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”) or, if they are unregistered, may be sold only in a privately negotiated transaction or pursuant to an exemption from registration, rendering them illiquid.

Equity Securities

The value of equity securities, including but not limited to publicly-traded equity securities, may decline over short or extended periods of time. The volatility of equity securities means that the value of an investment may increase or decrease.

Growth Stock Risk

Certain Underlying Portfolio Funds or Underlying Managers invest in “growth” stocks. Securities of growth companies may be more volatile since such companies usually reinvest a high portion of earnings in their businesses, 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.

Value Stock Risk

Certain Underlying Portfolio Funds or Underlying Managers invest in “value” stocks. A particular risk of a value approach is that some holdings may not recover and provide the capital growth anticipated or that a stock judged to be undervalued may actually be appropriately priced. Further, because the prices of value-oriented securities tend to correlate more closely with economic cycles than growth-oriented securities, they generally are more sensitive to changing economic conditions, such as changes in interest rates, corporate earnings, and industrial production. The market may not favor value-oriented stocks and may not favor equity securities at all. During those periods, relative performance may suffer.

Buyouts/Growth Capital

Buyout and growth capital funds frequently structure their investments with the use of leverage. While the use of leverage may enhance the returns on a successful investment, a company with a leveraged capital structure will be subject to increased exposure to changing economic conditions, such as a significant rise in interest rates, or a downturn in the economy or the company’s industry, enhancing the risk of loss associated with the investment.

Venture Capital

It is anticipated that the portfolio companies of venture capital funds will confront a significant degree of financial, operating, illiquidity, and competitive risk. In addition, many of these

companies, due to their limited revenues and history of operating losses, may need to rely on their ability to fund continuing operations via the private and public capital markets. Such continued funding may be curtailed due to a variety of factors, which may include, but would not be limited to, rising interest rates, downturns in the economy or deterioration in the condition of the company or its industry.

Distressed and Special Situations

Significant risk exists that a turnaround effort for a company in a distressed financial condition will not be successful and that all or a significant portion of the capital invested in such situations may be lost. "Special situation" investments are opportunistic in nature. Such investments are likely to involve significant risks and illiquidity, and any returns from these investments will be subject to substantial uncertainty.

Estimates

The net asset values received from the Underlying Managers typically are estimates, subject to revision through the end of each underlying investment vehicle's annual audit, which may occur, if at all, on a date other than December 31. Revisions to gain and loss calculations are an ongoing process, and no appreciation or depreciation figure can be considered final until the annual audit is completed, if at all.

Due Diligence Errors

It is possible that Stamos Capital may miss or misinterpret information during its due diligence process. The Firm has established procedures to mitigate this risk, but there is no assurance it will be successful in any particular situation. An Underlying Manager could be engaged in wrongdoing that is not uncovered by the due diligence process.

Possible Misconduct by Underlying Managers

Because Clients may invest through Underlying Managers or private funds that are separate from Stamos Capital and over which the Firm does not have physical custody or control of assets, an Underlying Manager could divert or abscond with a Client's assets, fail to follow its stated investment strategies, issue false reports, or engage in other misconduct.

Key Principals of the Underlying Managers

Underlying Managers are likely to be dependent on the services of one or a few key individuals. The loss for any reason of the services of a key individual could impair an Underlying Portfolio Fund's ability to achieve its investment objective.

Significant Increase or Decrease in Managed Assets

Clients or investors may invest directly or indirectly with Underlying Managers or SCP Funds who are experiencing a significant increase or decrease in the assets they manage, which may impair their ability to generate returns on par with their historical results. In addition, an Underlying Portfolio Fund or an SCP Fund faced with a significant increase or decrease in assets to invest may divert from stated strategies into strategies or markets with which it may have little or no experience. This could result in losses.

New Strategies

New strategies employed by Underlying Portfolio Funds may not have been in use during periods of major market stress, disruption or decline. As a result, it is not known how these strategies will perform in these periods, or over an extended period of time.

Access to Information

Stamos Capital generally requests information from each Underlying Manager regarding the Underlying Portfolio Fund's historical performance and investment strategy, as well as portfolio information on the Underlying Portfolio Fund on a continuing basis. However, the Firm may not always be provided with such information because certain details may be considered proprietary or confidential trade secrets by the particular Underlying Manager. This lack of access to information may make it more difficult to select, allocate among, and evaluate Underlying Managers. Furthermore, the Firm may be restricted from providing Clients or investors in an SCP Fund with information in its possession regarding an Underlying Portfolio Fund. This may make it more difficult for Clients or investors in an SCP Fund to evaluate the performance of their investments, including in such SCP Fund.

3. Risks Associated with Particular Types of Securities

Private Funds

Reliance on Underlying Fund Management. Client accounts may invest in Underlying Portfolio Funds and through separate accounts managed by Underlying Managers that are unrelated to Stamos Capital. Returns could be substantially and adversely affected by the unfavorable performance of one or more such Underlying Portfolio Funds or separate accounts. Subjective decisions made by the Underlying Managers may cause the Underlying Portfolio Funds or separate accounts to incur losses or to miss profit opportunities on which they would otherwise have capitalized. Furthermore, Underlying Managers may have a substantial amount of discretion to change their investment approach, typically without notice to or approval by investors. Investors will have no right or power to participate in the management or control of the Underlying Portfolio Funds or separate accounts, and will not have an opportunity to evaluate the specific investments made by the Underlying Managers. Underlying Portfolio Funds may also experience "style drift," which is typically unintended and unapproved movements away from such Underlying Portfolio Fund's stated investment strategy.

Absence of Regulatory Oversight. Many funds approved for investment by Stamos Capital are private funds or similar structures sold in private placements and are not registered investment companies under the 1940 Act. Some of the Underlying Managers may not be registered as investment advisers under federal or state law. Interests in the SCP Funds have not been registered under the Securities Act. Consequently, Clients and investors will not be entitled to certain of the protections of the federal securities laws.

Agreements with One or More Investors. From time to time, an SCP Fund may enter into Side Letters with one or more investors, which provide such investor(s) with additional or different rights (including, without limitation, with respect to access to information, management fees

and performance-based compensation, minimum investment amounts, and liquidity terms). As a result of such Side Letters, certain investors may receive benefits, such as reduced fee obligations, the ability to withdraw on shorter notice or pursuant to different terms, and/or expanded informational rights.

Compensation Arrangements. In cases in which the general partner or Underlying Managers of an SCP Fund receive compensation based upon the performance of their investments, they maybe incentivized to make investments that are riskier or more speculative than would be the case if such arrangements were not in effect.

Limited Operating History. Each SCP Fund, Underlying Portfolio Fund, and Underlying Portfolio Manager may have a limited operating history upon which prospective investors can evaluate their likely performance. The past investment performance of an SCP Fund, Underlying Portfolio Fund, and Underlying Portfolio Manager should not be construed as an indication of the future performance results of an investment in that or any other fund.

Delayed Schedules K-1. Stamos Capital and the SCP Funds endeavor to furnish tax information as soon as practicable following the end of each year. However, fund-related tax information may not be provided on a timely basis. For instance, in order to furnish such tax information, the Firm must first receive corresponding tax information from all Underlying Portfolio Funds and other investments, and such reporting may be delayed. Clients and SCP Fund investors may be required to file extensions of the filing date for their income tax returns at the federal, state and local levels for any given year, particularly as a result of illiquid investments.

Tax on Profits Whether or Not Distributed. The SCP Funds are not required to distribute profits. If the SCP Funds have taxable income in a fiscal year, such income will be taxable in accordance with each investor's allocable shares, whether or not such profits have been distributed. In the event of capital losses, investors may still be required to pay tax on the ordinary income earned, because any trading losses sustained will be, in most if not all cases, capital losses which are deductible against only a limited amount of ordinary income. In any taxable year, the tax liability for any profits might exceed any cash withdrawn or distributions received or may exceed the cash withdrawn by or distributed to the investor for that same taxable year. Stamos Capital is not a tax accounting firm, and Clients should consult their own tax advisers with respect to their investments.

Liquidity. There is no public market for interests in any private funds, including the SCP Funds or the Underlying Portfolio Funds, and it is not expected that a public market will develop. There are substantial restrictions on the transferability of interests, including the requirement in a partnership agreement that most transfers be approved by the general partner. There are also other contractual restrictions and restrictions imposed by applicable federal securities laws and the laws and the regulations of other jurisdictions, which may require an indefinite holding period with respect to private fund interests, including those of SCP Funds. Many private funds have lock-up provisions that prohibit withdrawing money for a certain period of time. Some of these investments require advance notice of withdrawal or partial withdrawal, while other investments last until the fund ends. Underlying Portfolio Funds may distribute investments

“in-kind,” which may include distributions of illiquid securities. The SCP Funds may in turn make in-kind distributions of these investments. There can be no assurance that Clients or investors would be able to dispose of these investments or that the value of these investments will ultimately be realized.

Special Investments. The SCP Funds may invest substantially in illiquid investments or investments of which the market value is not readily ascertainable. Certain special investments that are illiquid may be held in a special investment account. Under certain circumstances, an investor may request that the general partner buy out the investor’s position; however, while the general partner has the right to make such a purchase at fair market value as determined by the general partner, it is not obligated to honor the request, and such a decision may be based upon the available cash and the desirability of the specific special investment, among other considerations. There can be no guarantee that the determination by the general partner accurately reflects the value of such special investment. If a special investment is not allocated to a special purpose vehicle, additional contributions to the SCP Fund will dilute the existing investors’ interest in such investment and withdrawals from the SCP Fund will lead to an increase of the remaining investors’ interest in such investment.

Risks Associated with Underlying Investments

Small- and Medium-Capitalization Companies. The securities of companies with small-to-medium-sized market capitalizations historically have involved more volatile prices than those of large-capitalization stocks and a higher risk of bankruptcy or insolvency. Small capitalization companies may require substantial additional capital or borrowings. There is often less publicly available information concerning such companies, making them more difficult to value. 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.

Venture Capital Investments. Venture capital-backed private companies (or direct investments) may involve taking positions in the equity or debt securities of private companies, which often experience unexpected problems in the areas of product development, manufacturing, marketing, financing, and general management, which, in some cases, cannot be adequately solved. Often, little or no secondary market exists for such securities of private companies, and many of the direct investments could involve placing investor capital at risk for longer periods than for investments in Underlying Portfolio Funds. While investments in growth stage companies offer the opportunity for significant capital gains, such investments involve a high degree of business and financial risk, which can result in substantial losses. Investments in more mature companies in the expansion or profitable stage also involve substantial risks. Such companies typically have obtained capital in the form of debt or equity to expand rapidly, reorganize operations, acquire other businesses or develop new products and markets.

Real Estate Investments. Real estate investing involves a high degree of risk, including significant financial, operating, and competitive risks. Frequently, real estate investments involve the use of substantial leverage (or borrowed money), which will increase the exposure of such assets to adverse macroeconomic conditions, such as increases in interest rates or

downturns in the economy, enhancing the risk of loss. Also, real estate investments involve exposure to business cycles, local economic conditions, liability risks and other factors that may not be present with other types of investments. Foreign real estate markets can be more volatile than U.S. markets due to increased risk of adverse issuer, political, regulatory, market or economic developments and can perform differently than the U.S. market.

Natural Resources. Investments in natural resources involve the costs associated with the development, production, transportation, and marketing of natural resources and are subject to many risks. An investment that depends upon the continued and long-term success of these activities is inherently uncertain. Investments in such sectors may be affected by a number of factors not present with other investments, including local and global commodity price fluctuations, government regulation, environmental issues, shifts in supply and demand for such resources, land use and title issues, import and export duties and other trade issues, changing macroeconomic conditions, changes in fuel, and other input prices and labor issues.

Energy-Related Investments. The costs associated with the exploration, development, production, transportation, and marketing of energy-related resources are subject to many risks, and an investment that depends upon the continued and long-term success of these activities is inherently uncertain. Investments in the energy sector may be affected by a number of factors not present with other investments, including, without limitation, obsolescence or failure of an energy source or energy technology to gain acceptance in the marketplace, federal and local regulatory issues, changing environmental regulations or public sentiment, changing macroeconomic conditions or input prices, inadequate reserves, speculation in the energy markets, adverse changes in relationships or contracts with public and private customers, labor issues, and other risks associated with the timing, amount, and cost of production. Many energy-related resources are subject to governmental regulations that can change over time.

The energy industry can be significantly affected by the supply of and demand for specific products and services, the supply of and demand for oil and gas, the price of oil and gas, exploration and production spending, government regulation, world events, and economic conditions. The natural resources industry can be significantly affected by events relating to international political developments, energy conservation, the success of exploration projects, commodity prices, and tax and government regulations. At times, the performance of securities of companies in the energy and natural resource industry will lag the performance of other industries or the broader market as a whole.

9. Disciplinary Information

A. CRIMINAL OR CIVIL PROCEEDINGS

The Firm has no material civil or criminal actions to report.

B. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS BEFORE REGULATORY AUTHORITIES

The Firm has no material administrative proceedings before the SEC, any other federal regulatory agency, any state regulatory agency or any foreign financial regulatory authority to report.

C. SELF-REGULATORY ORGANIZATION (SRO) PROCEEDINGS

The Firm has no material SRO disciplinary proceedings to report.

10. Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations

A. REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVES OF A BROKER DEALER

This Item is not applicable to Stamos Capital.

B. FUTURES COMMISSION MERCHANT, COMMODITY POOL OPERATOR, OR COMMODITY TRADING ADVISER REGISTRATION STATUS

While Stamos Capital may trade, directly or indirectly, commodity interests on behalf of Clients, it is exempt from registration with the CFTC as a Commodity Pool Operator ("CPO"). Therefore, the Firm is not required to deliver a CFTC disclosure document to prospective limited partners of the SCP Funds, nor is it required to provide limited partners with certified annual reports that satisfy the requirements of CFTC rules applicable to registered CPOs.

The basis for the exemption with respect to the SCP Funds is that, among other things (i) the SCP Funds invest in other commodity pools; (ii) each limited partner is either (a) an "accredited investor" as defined under SEC rules or otherwise or (b) a "qualified eligible person" as defined in CFTC Rule 4.7(a)(2); and (iii) the interests in the partnership are exempt from registration under the Securities Act and are offered and sold without marketing to the public in the United States.

C. MATERIAL RELATIONSHIPS OR ARRANGEMENTS WITH INDUSTRY PARTICIPANTS

As discussed further in Item 14, Stamos Capital may compensate unaffiliated broker-dealers for the referral of investors.

D. MATERIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST RELATING TO OTHER INVESTMENT ADVISERS

When Stamos Capital elects to invest Client assets in Underlying Portfolio Funds or Underlying Managers, the Firm does not receive compensation directly or indirectly from those funds or advisers. In the process of selecting Underlying Portfolio Fund investments, the Firm may elect to invest the assets of one SCP Fund into another SCP Fund. When doing so, the investing SCP Fund will not be subject to duplicate management fees, although dependent upon the circumstances, conflicts of interest may exist. As noted previously in response to Item 6, a conflict may arise in the allocation process due to the different incentive fees associated with

each SCP Fund, and this may be relevant to any potential cross investment. Additionally, when considering SCP Funds for a cross investment, the Firm may exercise its discretion in a way that favors one SCP Fund over another.

Stamos Capital periodically reviews portfolio transactions, including cross investments, to understand the nature of the transactions. The Firm will take any appropriate measures as applicable to address the effect any material conflict has on an investor.

Certain SCP Funds may elect to invest in Underlying Portfolio Funds or with Underlying Managers that hold interests in an SCP Fund, are joint venture partners or affiliates of the Firm, or invest in Underlying Portfolio Funds or Underlying Managers in which the Firm holds a direct or indirect financial interest. During the decision-making process for selecting investments, the Firm may be forced to choose between such competing interests, particularly when allocating limited investment opportunities.

11. Code of Ethics, Participation or Interest in Client Transactions and Personal Trading

A. CODE OF ETHICS

Stamos Capital has adopted a Code of Ethics under Rule 204A-1 of the Advisers Act for certain access persons (“Access Persons”) of the Firm, which includes all employees. The Code of Ethics is designed to guide Access Persons in their ethical obligations and to provide rules for their personal securities transactions. Specifically, the Code of Ethics requires Access Persons to (i) place the interests of the Firm’s Clients first; (ii) conduct all personal securities transactions in a manner consistent with the Code of Ethics and in such a manner as to avoid any actual or potential conflict of interest or any abuse of their position of trust and responsibility; (iii) not take inappropriate advantage of their positions or of their relationship with the Firm’s Clients; (iv) maintain the confidentiality of Client information; (v) not misuse non-public information; and (vi) comply at all times with all applicable federal securities laws and other governmental rules and regulations.

The Code of Ethics contains (i) certain reporting requirements applying to the purchase and sale of securities and security holdings; and (ii) securities trading pre-clearance procedures applying to the purchase and sale of securities. In general, Access Persons may not acquire ownership of any securities except for (i) mutual funds or ETFs that are pre-approved; (ii) transactions in which an Access Person has no direct or indirect influence or control; (iii) transactions pursuant to an automatic investment plan; (iv) purchases affected upon the exercise of rights issued by an issuer pro rata to all holders of a class of its securities; and (v) acquisitions of securities through stock dividends, stock splits, reverse stock splits, mergers, consolidations, spin-offs, and other similar corporate reorganizations. With certain exceptions, Access Persons must obtain pre-approval before selling or otherwise disposing of a security from a personal account.

The Code of Ethics also prohibits employees from (i) participating in certain outside business activities without pre-approval; (ii) making any political contributions, which are designed to influence a political official or government entity to direct investment advisory business, or services to the Firm; or (iii) accepting or making gifts that are outside the normal course of business. All employees are responsible for reporting any known violations of the Code of Ethics to the Chief Compliance Officer.

Stamos Capital will provide a copy of the Code of Ethics to any current or prospective Client or investor upon request.

B. LIMITATIONS ON SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS WHERE AN EMPLOYEE OR A RELATED PERSON HAS A MATERIAL FINANCIAL INTEREST

As previously noted in response to Items 6 and 10, an SCP Fund may invest in another SCP Fund, and in such cases, a related Stamos Capital entity may serve as the general partner to both SCP Funds. Similarly, the Firm may recommend SCP Funds to Other Client investors. In order to minimize the potential conflict inherent in this practice, the Firm waives management and performance fees as necessary to avoid having an Other Client pay two sets of management or performance fees to the Firm in connection with one investment.

C. INVESTING IN SECURITIES RECOMMENDED TO CLIENTS

Stamos Capital may elect to engage in exchange-traded transactions on behalf of Clients for hedging purposes. In the event the Firm is preparing for or is in the process of completing mutual fund or ETF transactions of a significant size, an employee could benefit by trading ahead of the Client in the employee's personal securities account. To prevent this from occurring, the Chief Compliance Officer or designee withholds approval of the employee's pre-clearance trade request until after the Client transactions are completed.

As noted previously in response to Items 6 and 10, two or more SCP Funds may invest in the same Underlying Portfolio Funds, and the allocation of such investments may pose a conflict of interest.

In addition, Firm employees may invest their personal capital in the SCP Funds; however, such investments do not provide employees with preferred liquidity terms over similarly situated non-employee investors in the SCP Funds.

D. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST CREATED BY CONTEMPORANEOUS TRADING

As previously described in Item 11(C) above, an employee could benefit by trading contemporaneously with the Client in the employee's personal securities account. To prevent this from occurring, the Chief Compliance Officer or designee withholds approval of the employee's pre-clearance trade request until after the Client transactions are completed. In addition, Stamos Capital employees may invest their personal capital in the SCP Funds;

however, such investments do not provide the employees with preferred liquidity terms over similarly situated non-employee investors in the SCP Funds.

12. Brokerage Practices

A. FACTORS CONSIDERED IN SELECTING OR RECOMMENDING BROKER-DEALERS FOR CLIENT TRANSACTIONS

Stamos Capital provides investment advice and portfolio management services to Clients, including the SCP Funds, which often invest in Underlying Portfolio Funds. The Firm does not have a trading desk. However, at times the Firm will recommend or, where the Firm has discretionary authority, select a broker for Client accounts, and assist in affecting securities transactions.

In selecting or recommending brokers, Stamos Capital will seek best execution, which involves a number of quantitative and qualitative factors. In seeking best execution, the Firm need not solicit competitive bids and does not have an obligation to seek or pay the lowest available commission cost. The Firm does not negotiate “execution only” commission rates. In selecting a broker, the Firm may take into account, among other things, the broker’s commission rate, execution capabilities, actual experience, efficiency, promptness, financial stability, reputation, confidentiality, and research services provided by the broker.

1. Research and Other Soft Dollar Benefits

Stamos Capital receives research from brokers through which the Firm or its Clients affect transactions, as well as possibly from other brokers. Research services furnished by brokers may be used in servicing all of the Firm’s Client accounts. Not all of these services may be used by the Firm in connection with accounts that paid commissions to the brokers providing such services.

Research received from brokers is generally developed by the brokerage firm, rather than by third parties. When Stamos Capital obtains research from brokers, it receives a benefit because it does not have to produce or pay for the research. The Firm may have an incentive to select or recommend a broker based upon the Firm’s interest in receiving research or other products or services, rather than on a Client’s interest in receiving most favorable execution.

Stamos Capital may direct a Client account to pay a brokerage commission in excess of that which another broker might charge for affecting the same transaction, in recognition of the value of the brokerage, research, and other services that broker provides. In such a case, the Firm determines in good faith that the commission is reasonable in relation to the value of such brokerage, research, and other services, viewed in terms of either the specific transaction or the Firm’s overall responsibilities to its Clients. An account may, therefore, pay higher brokerage commissions than are otherwise available.

2. Brokerage for Client Referrals

This Item is not applicable to Stamos Capital.

3. Directed Brokerage

In the situation where an Other Client directs Stamos Capital to use a specific broker and the Firm has not negotiated the terms and conditions (including, but not limited to, commission rates), the Firm does not have any responsibility for obtaining the best prices or particular commission rates. Other Clients who direct the Firm to use a specific broker may pay higher commission rates or receive less favorable execution transactions than non-directing Clients.

B. ORDER AGGREGATION

Since Stamos Capital only infrequently executes securities transactions for Clients, it rarely has opportunities to aggregate trades for client accounts.

Trade Errors

Pursuant to the various exculpation and indemnification provisions of each SCP Fund's Governing Document, Stamos Capital generally will not be liable to the SCP Funds for any act or omission, absent bad faith, willful misconduct or gross negligence, and the SCP Funds generally will be required to indemnify such persons against any losses they may incur by reason of any act or omission related to the SCP Funds, absent bad faith, willful misconduct or gross negligence. As a result of these provisions, the SCP Fund (and not Stamos Capital) will be responsible for any losses resulting from trading errors and similar human errors, absent bad faith, willful misconduct or gross negligence. Trading errors might include, for example, (i) the placement of orders (either purchases or sales) in excess of the intended amount of securities or instruments; (ii) the sale of a security or instrument when it was intended to have been purchased; (iii) the purchase of a security or instrument when it was intended to have been sold; (iv) the purchase or sale of the wrong security or instrument; (v) the purchase or sale of a security or instrument contrary to regulatory restrictions, like Regulation S or private placement restrictions, or Fund investment guidelines or restrictions; and (vi) the allocation of a security or instrument to an account for which it is not suitable.

Despite the small volume of transactions executed by Stamos Capital on behalf of the SCP Funds, investors should assume that trading errors (and similar errors) may occur and that the SCP Funds will be responsible for any resulting losses, even if such losses result from the negligence (but not gross negligence) of the Firm's personnel. Such trade errors could result in substantial losses to the SCP Funds. In determining whether the Firm's personnel have satisfied the standard of care such that the SCP Funds are responsible for a loss resulting from a trade error, the Firm will have a conflict of interest between its economic interest and the economic interest of the SCP Funds. The determination of whether the Firm's personnel have satisfied their standard of care will not be based solely upon the conduct of the specific Firm personnel with respect to the specific trade error at issue, but rather in the overall context of the control and compliance environment of Firm as it relates to trading activity.

13. Review of Accounts

A. FREQUENCY AND NATURE OF REVIEW OF CLIENT ACCOUNTS OR FINANCIAL PLANS

Stamos Capital regularly monitors Client accounts and conducts periodic reviews of the performance of the SCP Funds and their underlying investments, including Underlying Portfolio Funds.

Stamos Capital considers a broad macroeconomic perspective for all Clients and conducts research on a daily basis. Senior leaders of the firm, along with members of the investment team, convene at regular intervals, generally no less than weekly, to communicate ideas across asset classes and to discuss market research, economic news, fund performance, investment themes, risk management, and Client needs. This ongoing dialogue generates a wide pool of ideas and creates synergies across the Firm's investment platform. Individual asset class groups, comprised of members of the investment team, may meet periodically to discuss an individual asset class, its performance, and related data. In an effort to bring in outside opinions and avoid becoming insular in the Firm's viewpoints, it is common for the Firm to consult with outside experts with differing economic perspectives to offer additional analysis of events in a given economic and market environment.

In addition, an internal group, including the Chief Investment Officer, Chief Investment Strategist, other members of the senior leadership team, and senior members of the investment team (Manager level and above), meet more formally to review and affirm investment decisions. Other members of the investment team may attend to present new investment ideas and discuss portfolio management strategies.

Client Accounts

Currently, the Chief Investment Officer and/or other Partners are responsible for the periodic review of Client accounts in relation to each Client's stated objectives. The appropriate frequency of each Client account review is based upon a number of factors, including the investment and specific financial needs of the Client; the complexity of the holdings; and the impact of market activity on a Client account.

Fund Reviews

Stamos Capital seeks to contact Underlying Managers typically on a quarterly basis to review portfolios and performance. The Firm periodically discusses key drivers behind performance, especially when an Underlying Manager exhibits excessive returns/losses in absolute terms, or relative to its peers or benchmarks. The conversations may be supplemented by portfolio monitoring/exposure reports provided by the Underlying Managers. The portfolio monitoring reports typically provide Clients' long and short gross exposure by strategy, asset type, industry, geography and other statistics relevant to the strategy, such as performing versus non-performing investments. Members of the investment team monitor this exposure data, generally on a monthly basis. The Firm utilizes reports and periodic meetings to evaluate an Underlying Manager's core risks in the portfolio and corresponding hedges, if any, as well as to identify

significant concerns or style drift. The Firm evaluates each Underlying Portfolio Fund and assesses the required frequency of on-site due diligence meetings with a senior member of the investment team (Manager level and above). The purpose of the visits is to confirm that the Firm has a sufficient understanding of an Underlying Portfolio Fund's current operations.

Other Client Reviews

Typically, Stamos Capital has account review meetings with Clients on a quarterly basis, or more or less frequency as determined by the Client. Similar to the SCP Funds, the research process to develop investment ideas is an ongoing activity; however, certain aspects of reviewing the investor's portfolio relies on information provided to the Firm by the investor, which may influence the timing of a portfolio review.

B. FACTORS PROMPTING REVIEW OF CLIENT ACCOUNTS OTHER THAN A PERIODIC REVIEW

Stamos Capital will undertake a review of Client accounts whenever the Firm has notice that there is a material change in an Underlying Manager's management, investment strategy, operations, a change in auditor or administrator, an unusual deviation in performance, or revelation of any regulatory action or the initiation of an investigation.

C. CONTENT AND FREQUENCY OF ACCOUNT REPORTS TO CLIENTS

Stamos Capital delivers written reports to investors in the SCP Funds generally consisting of: (i) monthly capital account statements, which include the current value of an investor's capital accounts in the SCP Funds, account activity since the last report, unaudited performance information, and applicable management and incentive fees; (ii) monthly performance estimates of the SCP Funds, which include details regarding estimated month-to-date, quarter-to-date and year-to-date performance of the SCP Funds (net of fees and expenses), historical returns, and a monthly market review, which includes a summary of the month-to-date, quarter-to-date and year-to-date performance of several market indices; (iii) quarterly letters to investors in SCP endowment and private capital funds, which include quarter-to-date and year-to-date portfolio performance figures, historical returns, asset class allocation and general market commentaries, as well as an economic outlook summary; and (iv) on an annual basis, audited financial statements of an investor's relevant SCP Funds. Funds in liquidation may receive reports that do not include a market review.

Stamos Capital delivers similar reports to Other Clients with regard to their holdings in the SCP Funds. For those investments that are not in the SCP Funds, the custodian provides reports of such assets directly to the Other Client and the Firm. Additionally, the Firm provides a quarterly review of performance based upon data from the custodian, along with related market commentary, in addition to monthly, unaudited performance summary emails.

Additional written report information may vary by SCP Fund or Other Client. Certain types of portfolio information or analysis are made available upon request, on a case-by-case basis, to investors in the SCP Funds and Other Clients. Such disclosures are made on a strictly confidential basis and are subject to restrictions on use. Reporting with respect to certain SCP

Funds is subject to negotiation and is established pursuant to each SCP Fund's constituent documents.

14. Client Referrals and Other Compensation

A. ECONOMIC BENEFITS FOR PROVIDING SERVICES TO CLIENTS

During the ordinary course of business, Stamos Capital or an employee may receive a gift from a service provider. To address the potential conflicts of interest where receipt of a gift could influence decision-making, the Firm's Code of Ethics provides that gifts from service providers will either be returned or donated to a charity, provided that food and beverage items that are gifts may be consumed on the property.

B. COMPENSATION TO NON-SUPERVISED PERSONS FOR CLIENT REFERRALS

Stamos Capital may enter into agreements to compensate third parties for investor referrals. The amount of compensation typically will consist of a portion of the fees the Firm earns from the referred investor. The Firm has entered into an arrangement with an affiliate of Merrill Lynch & Co. (the "Placement Agent") whereby the Placement Agent may receive one-time or ongoing payments based upon a percentage of the assets of the Client allocated to the account. Any such payments will be borne by the Firm. Placement agent arrangements that the Firm enters into will be in accordance with the rules promulgated under the Advisers Act.

15. Custody

For the SCP Funds, the qualified custodians and the Underlying Portfolio Funds send statements in the name of the SCP Funds to the Firm. SCP Fund investors receive a statement of their capital balance prepared by the SCP Funds' administrator on a monthly basis, which reflects the value of their interest in such SCP Fund. SCP Fund investors also receive on an annual basis an audited financial statement of the SCP Fund in accordance with the Custody Rule (Rule 206(4)-2 of the Advisers Act).

Other Client investors receive statements from the custodians for those assets that are not invested in the SCP Funds. Other Client investors should compare any statement or report provided by Stamos Capital regarding portfolio holdings with the statements of the custodians to ensure there are no discrepancies.

16. Investment Discretion

Investment Discretion: Funds

Prospective investors in the SCP Funds execute a subscription agreement for each SCP Fund, in which they make various representations, including representations regarding their sophistication and ability to assess and bear the risks of investment in the SCP Fund. Prospective investors are encouraged to carefully review all subscription documents and determine whether the proposed investment is consistent with their investment goals and tolerance for risk. By completing the subscription documents for the SCP Funds, investors in the SCP Funds grant Stamos Capital and the general partner of such SCP Fund, if any, power of attorney and discretionary authority to act on behalf of their interest in the SCP Fund. SCP Fund investors do not have the ability to limit this authority, although through the use of Side Letters, an investor may negotiate a restriction that further defines the investment program for the SCP Fund.

Investment Discretion: Other Clients

By mutual agreement with the Other Clients, Stamos Capital may be granted power of attorney and discretionary authority to act on behalf of the Other Clients. The Other Client investors have the ability to grant and limit such authority subject to the terms and provisions of the Other Client investment advisory agreement.

17. Voting Client Securities

A. POLICIES AND PROCEDURES RELATING TO VOTING CLIENT SECURITIES

Stamos Capital, as a fiduciary and an investment adviser with certain proxy voting authority, is subject to Investment Advisers Act Rule 206(4)-6 (the "Proxy Voting Rule"). The Firm monitors corporate events and votes proxies. To meet its obligations under the Proxy Voting Rule, the Firm adopted a written Proxy Voting policy and procedures to adhere to its fiduciary duty to cast votes in the best interest of Clients and to not subordinate Client interests to its own.

For ballot measures that would be considered routine matters, Stamos Capital generally votes with management's recommendation unless the Firm determines the vote with management not to be in the best interest of the SCP Fund. The Firm evaluates non-routine matters on the merits of each proposal, and in certain instances, the Firm may vote against management's recommendation where the Firm believes such a vote is in the Client's best interests.

Any potential conflicts of interest will be addressed on a case-by-case basis dependent upon the nature of the conflict. Possible actions Stamos Capital may take include the delegation of the voting decision to an independent third party, the organization of a committee responsible for the voting decision, or obtaining the consent of the SCP Fund investors to vote a particular way. In all cases, the Firm will seek to vote in the best interests of the SCP Fund.

Information about a proxy vote on behalf of an SCP Fund may be obtained by SCP Fund investors upon their request to Stamos Capital. (Other Clients may obtain a copy of the Firm's proxy voting policies and procedures upon request.)

B. NO AUTHORITY TO VOTE CLIENT SECURITIES AND CLIENT RECEIPT OF PROXIES

Generally, Other Clients retain proxy voting authority for those assets not invested in the SCP Funds. If requested by an Other Client, Stamos Capital may advise on how to vote a particular proposal, but will not have responsibility for casting the vote.

18. Financial Information

A. BALANCE SHEET

Pursuant to SEC instructions, Stamos Capital is not required to include its balance sheet as part of this Brochure.

B. FINANCIAL CONDITIONS LIKELY TO IMPAIR ABILITY TO MEET CONTRACTUAL COMMITMENTS TO CLIENTS

Stamos Capital is not subject to any financial condition that is reasonably likely to impair its ability to meet contractual commitments to Clients.

C. BANKRUPTCY FILINGS

Stamos Capital has not been the subject of a bankruptcy petition at any time during the past ten years.