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Brochure

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This Form ADV Part 2A (Investment Advisor Brochure) gives information about the investment advisor and its business for the use of clients and prospective clients. If you have any questions about the contents of this brochure, please contact us using one of the methods listed above. The information in this brochure has not been approved or verified by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") or by any state securities authority. Registration is mandatory for all persons meeting the definition of investment advisor and does not imply a certain level of skill or training.

Additional information about our firm is available on the SEC's website at: [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov).

### ***Material Changes***

The purpose of this document is to discuss only material changes since the last annual update of Holowesko Partners Ltd.'s Investment Advisor Brochure. The date of the last annual update was March 26, 2012. There have been no material changes since the last annual update.

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## ***Advisory Business***

### ***Advisory Firm***

Holowesko Partners Ltd. ("HPL") is an investment advisor providing investment advisory services to its clients. HPL was formed in 2000 by Mark Holowesko, President, CEO and CIO, who has been in the financial services industry since 1985. Mark Holowesko holds > than 25% equity ownership in HPL.

### ***Advisory Services***

HPL currently provides investment advisory services to private fund clients only, herein referred to as the Holowesko Group of Funds. The Holowesko Group of Funds is comprised of the following private funds, all of which are registered with the Cayman Islands Monetary Authority:

Holowesko Global Fund Ltd.  
Holowesko Global Fund LLC  
Holowesko Global Equity Fund LLC  
Holowesko Global Equity Fund (Segregated Portfolio)<sup>1</sup>  
Holowesko Growth Fund (Segregated Portfolio)<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> a segregated portfolio of the Holowesko Global Funds SPC Ltd.

<sup>2</sup> a segregated portfolio of the Holowesko Growth Funds SPC Ltd.

As of December 31, 2012, HPL has USD2,705,332,284 regulatory assets under management (USD2,313,181,654 net assets under management) on a discretionary basis.

Each private fund client maintains a Private Offering Memorandum that is available to prospective and existing investors in the private fund client. The Private Offering Memorandum details the investment advisory services, including investment restrictions, in which HPL provides its services.

### ***Fees and Compensation***

HPL charges its investment advisory clients an investment advisory fee based on the assets under management for each private fund client as well as receiving a performance-based fee/allocation based on the overall performance. The investment advisor fee and performance-based fee/allocation rates are different based on the underlying strategy of the private fund.

The fee structure implemented by HPL with its private fund clients is as follows:

<u>Private Fund Client</u>	<u>Fee Structure</u>
Holowesko Global Fund Ltd. & Holowesko Global Fund LLC	1.25% p.a. investment advisory fee 20% p.a. performance fee/allocation <sup>3</sup>
Holowesko Global Equity Fund LLC & Holowesko Global Equity Fund (Segregated Portfolio)	0.75% p.a. investment advisory fee 10% p.a. performance fee/allocation <sup>3</sup>
Holowesko Growth Fund (Segregated Portfolio)	0.50% p.a. investment advisory fee <sup>4</sup>

<sup>3</sup> subject to High Water Mark

<sup>4</sup> sole investor in private fund is a director of HPL

Investment advisory fees are calculated and charged by HPL to private fund clients on a calendar quarterly basis at the beginning of each quarter and are paid in advance. HPL charges investment advisory fees on a pro-rata basis for subscriptions by private fund investors into a private fund in the event such subscriptions do not fall on a quarterly calculation date. HPL refunds any unearned investment advisory fee on a pro-rata basis to a private fund client for redemptions by private fund investors from a private fund in the event such redemptions do not fall on a quarter end date.

Fees charged by HPL to each private fund client are charged at the fund level. As such, all private fund investors of the same private fund bear the same fee structure applicable to the private fund client.

Investment advisory fees charged by HPL as described above do not include any transaction fees or commissions, which may be charged separately by the prime broker and/or broker/dealers in the ordinary course of business. Charges for other expenses or services provided by other service providers to the private funds, such as administration fees, audit fees and legal fees are billed directly to the private fund client and settled by payment from the private fund client's assets.

### ***Performance-Based Fees And Side-By-Side Management***

As disclosed in the section titled Fees and Compensation, HPL may charge performance-based fees/allocations at the rates as indicated.

Performance fees/allocations are calculated and charged by HPL on an annual basis at the end of the fiscal year of each private fund client. HPL may charge performance fees/allocations on a date other than the fiscal year end date in the event there is a redemption by an investor in a private fund client on a date other than a fiscal year end date.

Redemptions by investors in a private fund client require 30 days prior written notice, however, HPL in its sole discretion may permit redemptions that do not meet this minimum notice period.

Performance-based fees/allocations are based on the gross performance of the private fund client at the relevant calculation date which includes both realized as well as unrealized gains (losses) of the underlying portfolio of the private fund client.

### ***Types of Clients***

HPL currently acts as an investment advisor to the following private fund clients:

Holowesko Global Fund Ltd.

- a) Domicile: Cayman Islands
- b) Structure: Corporation
- c) Investor Base: Non-U.S. investors and tax-exempt U.S. investors

Holowesko Global Fund LLC

- a) Domicile: State of Delaware, USA
- b) Structure: Limited Liability Company (tax status: partnership)
- c) Investor Base: U.S. taxable investors

Holowesko Global Equity Fund LLC

- a) Domicile: State of Delaware, USA
- b) Structure: Limited Liability Company (tax status: partnership)
- c) Investor Base: U.S. taxable investors

Holowesko Global Equity Fund (Segregated Portfolio), a segregated portfolio of the Holowesko Global Funds SPC Ltd.

- a) Domicile: Cayman Islands
- b) Structure: Corporation
- c) Investor Base: Non-U.S. investors and tax-exempt U.S. investors

Holowesko Growth Fund (Segregated Portfolio), a segregated portfolio of the Holowesko Growth Funds SPC Ltd.

- a) Domicile: Cayman Islands
- b) Structure: Corporation
- c) Investor Base: Non-U.S. investors and tax-exempt U.S. investors

The minimum initial investment by an investor in a private fund client is \$3,000,000, however, HPL in its sole discretion may waive this minimum amount.

Each private fund client has a separate and distinct trading strategy and may trade at different times in the same securities. Holowesko Global Fund Ltd. and Holowesko Global Fund LLC have a long/short global equity strategy and generally invest in the same securities allocated on the basis approximating their relative net asset values. Holowesko Global Equity Fund LLC and Holowesko Global Equity Fund (Segregated Portfolio) have a long global equity strategy and generally invest in the same securities also allocated on the basis approximating their respective net asset values. The Holowesko Growth Fund (Segregated Portfolio) has a long global equity strategy.

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

HPL uses a variety of methods to evaluate opportunities. HPL uses its own internal research and analysis as well as research and analysis received from third parties. Sources of information include corporate financial reports, investment publications of brokerage firms and statistical information and research from research providers. In addition to written materials, HPL analysts attend company-sponsored meetings, security analysts meetings and broker-sponsored meetings and conferences.

HPL applies its investment philosophy consistently across regions, sectors and business cycles, and focuses on absolute, not benchmark, returns.

HPL provides investment advisory services that cover a variety of investment instruments, however, the primary instruments used in all of the strategies are as follows:

- a) exchange-listed securities (equities, put options, call options)
- b) over the counter options
- c) United States government securities
- d) forward foreign currency contracts

Specific risks associated with the primary instruments used as listed above include, but are not limited to, the following:

*Market risks:* Investments in securities issued by companies and governments of different nations involves certain risks. These risks include international and regional political developments and the possible imposition of exchange controls or other local governmental laws or restrictions applicable to such investments. In addition, the private fund clients may invest in securities of issuers in a variety of developing countries, involving certain special considerations, which may include (i) investment and repatriation restrictions, (ii) currency fluctuations, (iii) potential unusual market volatility, (iv) government involvement in the private sector, (v) limited investor information, (vi) shallow securities markets, (vii) certain local tax law considerations and/or (viii) limited regulation of the securities markets.

*Currency risks:* Investments purchased by private fund clients may be denominated in foreign currencies. Engaging in the purchase of such investments or engaging in currency trading (such as forward foreign currency contracts) has certain risks, including, illiquidity, blockages by governments, political unrest or other factors, failure or inability to deliver, pressure from speculators and other factors that can result in losses with respect to such instruments and currencies. To the extent that currency risk is not hedged, changes in the values between the denominated currency of the private fund client and other currencies can increase or reduce the actual returns from investments denominated in other currencies.

*Derivative Transactions:* The private fund clients may invest in derivative instruments that seek to modify or emulate the investment performance of particular securities, currencies, interest rates, indices or markets. These instruments generally have counterparty risk and may not perform in the manner expected by the counterparties, thereby resulting in greater loss or gain to the private fund client. These investments are all subject to additional risks that may result in a loss of all or part of an investment, such as interest rate and credit risk volatility, world and local market price and demand, and general economic factors and activity. Derivatives may have very high leverage embedded in them which may substantially magnify market movements and result in losses greater than the amount of the investment. Some of the markets in which derivative transactions are effected are over-the-counter or interdealer markets. The participants in such markets are typically not subject to credit evaluation and regulatory oversight as are members of exchange-based markets. This exposes the private fund clients to the risks that a counterparty will not settle a transaction because of a credit or liquidity problem or because of disputes over the terms of the derivative contract.

While there is risk in all investments, some carry a greater degree of risk or higher costs. There is no guarantee that the investment strategy of each private fund client will result in the private fund client's goals being met, nor is there any guarantee of profit or protection from loss. Prospective investors in a private fund client are provided a Private Offering Memorandum describing in detail the investment strategy and risks associated with investing in the private fund.

### ***Disciplinary Information***

An investment advisor must disclose material facts about any legal or disciplinary event that is material to a client's evaluation of the advisory business or of the integrity of its management personnel. HPL does not have any disclosure items.

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

Holowesko Advisors Ltd. ("HAL"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of HPL, is an investment advisory firm registered with the Securities Commission of The Bahamas. Mark Holowesko, R. Sean Farrington and Gregory Cleare, three employees of HPL, are the registered representatives assigned to HAL by the Securities Commission of The Bahamas. At December 31, 2012 this subsidiary remained inactive.

Franklin Resources, Inc. ("Franklin"), a publicly traded company, has a 20% ownership interest in HPL through a wholly-owned subsidiary. One director of Franklin is also a director of HPL and two of its private fund clients. Franklin, through its subsidiaries, is also an investor in one of HPL's private fund clients. HPL utilizes the services of various subsidiaries of Franklin for information technology and proxy voting services.

HPL acts as the Managing Member of the Holowesko Global Fund LLC and the Holowesko Global Equity Fund LLC. All of the directors of HPL are also the directors of the Holowesko Global Fund Ltd. and the Holowesko Global Funds SPC Ltd. Two directors of HPL, Mark Holowesko and Gregory Cleare, are the directors of the Holowesko Growth Funds SPC Ltd.

The private fund clients of HPL do not invest in each other. The sole investor in the Holowesko Growth Fund (Segregated Portfolio) is a director of HPL and this private fund client is not open to any other private fund investor. This private fund client is managed together with other private fund clients and utilizes the same trading desk as all HPL clients, however, due to its ownership, it is deemed to be a personal account for the purposes of the investment preclearance requirements under HPL's Code of Ethics.

### ***Code of Ethics, Participation or Interest In Client Transactions, and Personal Trading***

#### **Code of Ethics**

HPL's Code of Ethics is based on the principle that it has a duty to place the interests of its clients before the interests of HPL and its employees. HPL seeks to avoid both conflicts of interest and employs reasonable care to avoid misleading clients and to provide full and fair disclosures of all material facts to its clients and prospective clients. A complete copy of the Code of Ethics is available to HPL's clients or prospective clients upon request.

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

HPL employees may invest in a private fund client of HPL. HPL does not provide preferential fee or redemption terms to employees of HPL.

#### **Personal Trading**

HPL permits its employees to buy and sell securities for their personal investments. In some cases, employees may buy and sell securities that are also recommended to its clients. To govern such transactions, HPL has adopted employee personal trading policies and procedures that outline the timing and conditions under which employees may buy or sell securities when such securities are also held or traded by clients. The employee trading policies and procedures were established to ensure clients are not adversely impacted by the personal securities transactions of HPL employees.

#### **Principal Trades**

HPL, as principal, does not buy/sell securities for itself from/to any client.

#### **Agency Cross Transactions**

HPL may execute purchase and sale transactions between private fund clients. These transactions are infrequent and generally occur in instances where two private fund clients have the same strategy (parallel funds) and require rebalancing of their underlying portfolio allocations due to disproportionate movements in net asset values resulting from subscriptions and redemptions by their private fund investors. All agency cross transactions are effected at the independent current market price of the security and the private fund clients provide consent in a separate agreement.

### ***Brokerage Practices***

#### **Selection of broker/dealers and best execution policy**

HPL has discretionary trading authority over the assets of its clients. This discretionary trading authority permits HPL to make investment decisions within the parameters of each client's established investment guidelines and allows HPL to choose the types of investments, the timing of any buys and sells, the broker-dealer to be used in the transaction, and the commission rate to be paid to the broker-dealer that executes the transaction. HPL monitors available broker-dealers in order to provide its clients with the



best mix of overall services. Factors considered by HPL when selecting and approving broker-dealers that may be used for execution of trades for client accounts include, but are not limited to, quality of execution and settlement, reputation, block trading capabilities, trading expertise, access to securities, ongoing reliability and responsiveness, nature of the security being traded and overall costs of the trade. In addition, consideration is given to the quality and usefulness of information provided to HPL such as research reports and market data.

#### Soft Dollar Practices

When a firm pays for research or other services through agreed commission arrangements ("soft dollars") as opposed to through normal direct payments for the services ("hard dollars"), the firm receives a benefit by not having to directly pay for the services. The commissions paid under soft dollar arrangements may be higher than commissions that would have otherwise been paid in the absence of the soft dollar arrangements. A firm may have an incentive to select or recommend a broker/dealer based on such arrangements rather than best execution for the client.

HPL seeks to allocate soft dollar commissions across all private fund clients on a pro-rata basis based on the overall investment holdings of each private fund client. HPL utilizes soft dollar services solely for the benefit of its clients in the form of eligible research/data services such as research reports, financial newsletters, and industry and/or company specific analysis reports.

HPL understands its duty for best execution and considers all factors in making recommendations to clients. While HPL may not always obtain the lowest commission rate, HPL believes the rate is reasonable in relation to the value of the brokerage and research services received.

#### Directed Brokerage

Clients may not direct brokerage to a specified broker/dealer other than the firm recommended by HPL. HPL selects broker/dealers for all of its clients based upon its assessment of best execution for the client.

#### Trade Aggregation

HPL may bundle orders across client accounts to achieve best execution. In such circumstances, orders are aggregated in advance of placing an order and, after execution, settlements (including partial fills) are allocated to client accounts pro-rata based on the original order allocation.

#### Restricted Trade Execution

HPL may restrict the trading of securities for certain issuers in instances where (i) it deems it may have received material non-public information; or (ii) a conflict may exist as a result of outside activities of an HPL employee.

#### ***Review of Accounts***

Client accounts are reviewed by HPL's operations personnel on a daily, weekly and monthly basis using detailed review checklists.

The administrator of each private fund client sends out a monthly statement to each private fund investor detailing the monthly transactions and month end value of their holdings. HPL sends out quarterly reports to each private fund investor regarding the performance of its private fund clients. Audited financial statements are prepared for each client on an annual basis and distributed to all clients and investors of private fund clients within 90 days after the relevant fiscal year end.

HPL has not entered into any side letter agreements that provide preferential fee or redemption terms to any investor in a private fund client, including employees of HPL. HPL has provided selected historical portfolio and portfolio statistical information to certain private fund investors upon request for the purposes of risk review and monitoring requirements in situations when HPL has been comfortable that the release of such information was not detrimental to HPL and its clients and other private fund investors. HPL's Chief Executive Officer has agreed to provide certain private fund investors with notice in the event he decides to vacate his position in HPL, which, in the event such notice is ever given, HPL intends to make that information available to all clients and private fund investors at the same time. HPL's policy is to make available proxy voting information to clients and private fund investors upon request.

### ***Client Referrals & Other Compensation***

HPL has engaged the services of Franklin Templeton Financial Services Corp. ("FTFS") to assist with the private placement of interest in private fund clients within the U.S. HPL pays FTFS a base fee plus a variable amount dependent upon the amount of capital introduced. In addition, there are two entities that receive legacy payments for placements made at earlier dates; however, these relationships are inactive other than these legacy payments.

### ***Custody***

HPL is deemed to have custody of client funds because it acts as Managing Member of two of the private funds, being the Holowesko Global Fund LLC and Holowesko Global Equity Fund LLC, and because it has authority granted by the client to make expense payments.

Private fund clients receive monthly account statements from the client's prime broker. In addition, each private fund investor receives directly from the administrator engaged by the private fund client a monthly statement detailing month end holdings as well as audited financial statements of the private fund within 90 days after the fiscal year end date of the respective private fund.

### ***Investment Discretion***

HPL's private fund clients have granted full investment discretionary authority to HPL.

### ***Voting Client Securities***

HPL has the authority to vote proxies for investments held by its private fund clients. HPL utilizes the proxy voting services of a subsidiary of Franklin. Clients may contact HPL at the phone number or address listed on the first page of this document to obtain information on how HPL voted on behalf of the client. When voting proxies for clients, HPL's primary objective is to make voting decisions solely in the best interests of its clients. In fulfilling its obligations to clients, HPL acts in a prudent and diligent manner intended to enhance the economic value of the underlying securities held on behalf of clients. In certain cases, HPL may decide not to vote at a meeting where the costs associated with exercising its vote may outweigh the benefit HPL believes its clients would derive by doing so. The Chief Executive Officer is responsible for resolving any voting conflicts that may arise. Clients may request a complete copy of our proxy voting policy.

***Financial Information***

An investment advisor must provide financial information if (i) a threshold of fee prepayments is met, (ii) there is a financial condition likely to impair the ability to meet contractual commitments, or (iii) the advisor has filed for bankruptcy within the past ten years. HPL does not have any disclosure items in this section.

***Requirements for State Registered Advisors***

HPL is not registered with any state authority.