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## **ITEM 2**

### **MATERIAL CHANGES**

This iteration of this brochure from the last version (dated as of March 28, 2012) contains, along with updated assets under management and non-material revisions, updated conflicts disclosure and disclosure of Kepos Capital LP's registration with CFTC and membership in the NFA.

As required by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, in future updates to this brochure, this Item 2 will contain a summary of specific material changes that are made to this brochure and we will provide you with a summary of these changes within 120 days of the end of our fiscal year (which is December 31). We may from time to time further provide additional disclosure information about material changes, by amending this brochure or through additional documents or other communications.

We will further provide each of our clients with a new brochure as necessary based on changes or new information, at any time, without charge. Currently, clients may request our brochure by contacting our Investor Relations group at +1-212-588-7400 or [info@keposcapital.com](mailto:info@keposcapital.com).

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## **ITEM 4**

### **ADVISORY BUSINESS**

#### **A. General Description of Advisory Firm.**

Kepos Capital LP (referred to in this brochure as "Kepos Capital," the "Investment Manager," the "firm," "we," or "us") is a Delaware limited partnership that was established in December 2009; in November 2010 we began to actively advise clients.

Our "principal owners" are Mark Carhart and Giorgio De Santis. Mr. Carhart is the Chief Investment Officer, the Chief Executive Officer, and a limited partner of Kepos Capital; he also controls Kepos Capital's general partner. Mr. De Santis is the Director of Research and a limited partner of Kepos Capital and owns a non-controlling stake in Kepos Capital's general partner.

#### **B. Description of Advisory Services.**

We are a globally focused asset management firm that seeks to provide investment advisory services to U.S. and non-U.S.-based clients (including pooled investment vehicles and, potentially, sophisticated institutional investors or other entities) by employing a scientifically-based approach to systematic global macro investing.

We perform our advisory services through a quantitative research and investment process. In general, our personnel perform proprietary research, seeking to combine economic theory and statistical methods to identify financially profitable opportunities. Ideas are generally developed and evaluated based on factors such as economic intuition, support from empirical evidence, market conditions, and leverage requirements.

Our overall strategy set, which potentially can be tailored for specific clients (See Item 4.C.), includes macro-level and individual strategies.

#### **C. Availability of Customized Services for Individual Clients.**

At present we do not offer investors in the pooled investment vehicles we manage the ability to select exposure to (or restrict or eliminate exposure to) specific assets, investments, or asset classes (other than "new issue" gains and losses, if any, that we allocate pursuant to applicable regulations); however, we may in the future offer investors within a single pooled investment vehicle the option to elect to obtain or to avoid exposure to a specific asset class or strategy.

Also, while we do not currently offer these types of services, we have the ability to provide customized products or management services to individual clients through managed accounts or other structures.

#### **D. Wrap Fee Programs.**

While we have the ability to do so, as of the date of this brochure, we are not participating in any wrap fee programs.

E. **Assets Under Management.**

As of December 31, 2012, our client regulatory assets under management totaled \$1,216,113,887 as reported on Form ADV Part 1A and \$1,156,405,175 of client net asset value.

## **ITEM 5**

### **FEES AND COMPENSATION**

#### **A. Advisory Fees and Compensation.**

As we will only be providing this brochure to clients who are "qualified purchasers" under the Investment Company Act of 1940, we have not included a fee schedule or the other information requested by Item 5.A.

#### **B. Payment of Fees.**

For clients that are pooled investment vehicles, we (usually through a third-party administrator) generally deduct management fees directly from a client account, usually on a quarterly basis and in advance. For incentive fees or incentive-based allocations of profits for clients that are pooled investment vehicles, we follow a similar procedure and generally deduct (usually through an administrator) these amounts directly from the client's account, generally on an annual basis and in arrears. For a managed account, this practice could vary depending on the specific arrangement with an individual client.

#### **C. Additional Fees and Expenses.**

Our clients are responsible for certain additional costs and expenses related to the trading and investment activity that we conduct for their accounts; this includes expenses incurred by them directly as well as reimbursements of expenses that we incur on their behalf.

While the organizational documents and investment management agreements relating to any specific client will dictate the actual expenses relating to that client, additional costs and expenses that we currently charge to our clients include: investment-related expenses; expenses related to market data and other data and information; execution related expenses, including, without limitation, exchange fees and access charges, connectivity charges with exchanges and counterparties and fees for execution management software and services;<sup>1</sup> up to 50% of the costs and expenses of risk management and risk reporting software and services; systems and technology expenses, including, without limitation, any computer hardware and connectivity hardware associated with or incorporated into the cost of obtaining market data or other data or information and any fees and expenses relating to software tools, programs or other technology utilized in managing clients' portfolios; fees and expenses of any third-party administrator and other third parties providing administrative, accounting, operations and valuation services; third-party accounting, auditing and tax preparation expenses; regulatory and legal expenses; other professional fees and expenses relating to investments or the operation of, or accounting for, a client account or (if the client is a pooled investment vehicle) of the client itself; placement agent fees and expenses, if any (which will reduce the compensation payable to the Investment Manager); costs of printing and mailing reports and notices; organizational, administrative, and ongoing registration, licensing, and similar fees and expenses of a client account or (if the client is a pooled investment vehicle) of the client itself; expenses relating to obtaining insurance for members of any board of directors of a client and for us and our personnel; bank service fees; withholding and transfer taxes; entity-level taxes; other expenses related to the purchase, sale or transmittal of client assets; and

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<sup>1</sup> Item 12 describes factors that we consider in selecting or recommending broker-dealers for client transactions and determining the reasonableness of their compensation (e.g., commissions).

extraordinary expenses and other similar expenses related to a client account or (if the client is a pooled investment vehicle) to the client itself.

When expenses are attributable to a specific class or to certain subset of investors within a pooled investment vehicle, we, in our discretion, generally may allocate such expenses only to such class or investors.

**D. Prepayment of Fees.**

As discussed above in Item 5.B., for our existing clients (all of which are pooled investment vehicles) we generally deduct management fees directly from a client account, usually on a quarterly basis and in advance. A *pro rata* portion of such management fees will be paid in respect of any subscriptions made by new or existing investors on any date that does not fall on the first day of a calendar quarter, based on the actual number of days remaining in such partial quarter. If an investor redeems or withdraws from a pooled investment vehicle client, other than as of the last day of a quarter, we will repay a *pro rata* portion of any applicable management fee (based on the actual number of days remaining in the quarter) to the pooled investment vehicle for distribution to such investor.

**E. Additional Compensation and Conflicts of Interest.**

We do not accept, and none of our supervised persons accepts, compensation for the sale of securities or other investment products, including asset-based sales charges or service fees from the sale of mutual funds.



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

***We Charge Performance Fees.*** We have entered into incentive fee and allocation arrangements with qualified clients in compliance with Section 205(a)(1) of the Investment Advisors Act of 1940 and the exemptions available thereunder (including Rule 205-3).

***We Expect to Have Different Fee Arrangements with Different Clients.*** We may provide investment management services to managed accounts and other investment partnerships or funds, each of which may have similar, overlapping, isolated, or differing (or even opposing) investment objectives. In addition, the compensation terms offered by such other accounts, partnerships or funds may be more lucrative to us, which may give rise to additional conflicts of interest. In the event that a conflict of interest arises, we will attempt to resolve such conflict in a fair and equitable manner.

## **ITEM 7**

### **TYPES OF CLIENTS**

We generally provide investment advice to alternative investment funds (*i.e.*, pooled investment vehicles that are exempt from registration under the Investment Company Act of 1940) and, on a case by case basis, may offer customized managed accounts for institutions and benefit plans. Any particular pooled investment vehicle client will have its own eligibility and qualification criteria (*e.g.*, requirements that investors represent that they are “qualified purchasers” under the Investment Company Act of 1940, non-“US Persons” under Regulation S, and/or “accredited investors” under the Securities Act of 1933) and minimum investment requirements. The requirements for any managed account would be negotiated on a case-by-case basis.

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### METHODS OF ANALYSIS, INVESTMENT STRATEGIES AND RISK OF LOSS

#### A. Methods of Analysis and Investment Strategies.

We apply a systematic research and investment process. Our personnel perform proprietary research, combining economic theory and statistical methods in an effort to identify financially profitable opportunities. Ideas are generally developed and evaluated based on factors such as economic intuition, support from empirical evidence, market conditions (such as the liquidity of tradable instruments), and leverage requirements. Once a strategy has been developed and evaluated, it is translated into a portfolio of securities and investments based on a number of criteria, which could include expected returns, various risk measures such as asset volatility and correlations, expected transaction costs, leverage requirements and exposure to specific sectors, industries and indices, as well as to the overall market.

In applying our overall systematic approach, we invest our clients' capital in a variety of investment strategies. We currently pursue two different kinds of strategies:

- (i) “*alpha*” strategies, which seek to deliver returns from active and evolving management by our personnel and which at present can be grouped into the following seven broad categories: (1) global equity markets; (2) global fixed income; (3) global currencies; (4) commodities; (5) volatility; (6) opportunistic; and (7) cross asset class and
- (ii) “*Exotic Beta*” strategies that seek exposure to alternative risk premia (which we term “Exotic Betas”) that are uncorrelated with global equities.

It should be pointed out that not all of these strategy categories will be necessarily employed at the same time, that there is an overlap of markets, instruments, themes, and other attributes among strategies, that each strategy group employs a number of distinct and different sub-strategies, and that the Investment Manager may modify, supplement, discontinue, or substitute strategies and sub-strategies from time to time without notice. In addition, the Investment Manager may at any time employ active or passive hedges (which can have short or long term durations) for a number of reasons, including, without limitation, a desire to reduce or offset the adverse effect of certain market events on financial performance or of the correlation of returns with those of a given asset class or the financial market as a whole (*i.e.*, “beta”). Hedges can be specific to one or more positions or strategies, or to the client's portfolio as a whole. In addition, client portfolios may invest their excess funds in money market instruments, commercial paper, certificates of deposit, U.S. government obligations, and bankers' acceptances, among other instruments. Any income earned from such investments is reinvested in accordance with clients' investment programs.

All investments made or recommended by us for clients involve the risk of the loss of capital. Our clients' accounts may utilize investment techniques such as margin transactions, short sales, option transactions and forward and futures contracts, which practices can, in certain circumstances, maximize the adverse impact to which our clients' accounts may be subject.

#### B. Material, Significant, or Unusual Risks Relating to Investment Strategies.

**Trading Judgment.** The success of our trading strategies is subject to the judgment and skills of our research and trading personnel. Additionally, our trading abilities with regard to

execution and discipline are important to the returns of our clients' accounts. There can be no assurance that our investment decisions or actions will be correct. Incorrect decisions or poor judgment may result in substantial losses.

***Model and Data Risk.*** Given the complexity of the investments and strategies we manage, we must rely heavily on quantitative models (both proprietary models developed by our personnel, and those supplied by third parties) and information and data supplied by third parties. These models and data are used to construct sets of transactions and investments, to value investments or potential investments (whether for trading purposes, or for the purpose of determining client valuations), to provide risk management insights, and to assist in hedging our clients' investments.

When these models and data prove to be incorrect, misleading or incomplete, any decisions made in reliance on them expose our clients to potential risks. For example, by relying on these models and data, we may be induced to buy certain investments for our clients at prices that are too high, to sell certain other investments at prices that are too low, or to miss favorable opportunities altogether. Similarly, any hedging based on faulty models and data may prove to be unsuccessful. Furthermore, when determining the net asset value of a client account, any valuations of the client's investments that are based on valuation models may prove to be incorrect.

Some of the models we use are predictive in nature. The use of predictive models has inherent risks. For example, such models may incorrectly forecast future behavior, leading to potential losses on a cash flow or a mark-to-market basis. In addition, in unforeseen or certain low-probability scenarios (often involving a market disruption of some kind), such models may produce unexpected results, which can result in losses for our clients. Furthermore, because predictive models are usually constructed based on historical data supplied by third parties, the success of relying on such models may depend heavily on the accuracy and reliability of the supplied historical data.

All of our models rely on correct market data inputs. If incorrect market data is entered into even a well-founded model, the resulting valuations will be incorrect. However, even if market data is input correctly, "model prices" will often differ substantially from market prices, especially for securities with complex characteristics, such as derivative securities.

***Obsolescence Risk.*** We are unlikely to be successful in managing client accounts unless the assumptions underlying our models are realistic and either remain realistic and relevant in the future or are adjusted to account for changes in the overall market environment. If such assumptions are inaccurate or become inaccurate and are not promptly adjusted, it is likely that profitable trading signals will not be generated.

Also, if and to the extent that our models do not reflect certain factors, and we do not successfully address such omission through testing and evaluation and modify the models accordingly, major losses may result.

***Crowding/Convergence.*** There is significant competition among systematic and quantitatively-focused managers, and our ability to deliver returns for our clients that have a low correlation with global aggregate equity markets and other hedge funds is dependent on our ability to employ models that are simultaneously profitable and differentiated from those employed by other managers. To the extent that we are not able to develop sufficiently

differentiated models, our clients' investment objectives may not be met, irrespective of whether the models are profitable in an absolute sense.

In addition, to the extent that our models come to resemble those employed by other managers, the risk that a market disruption that negatively affects predictive models will adversely affect our clients' accounts is increased, as such a disruption could accelerate reductions in liquidity or rapid repricing due to simultaneous trading across a number of funds in the marketplace.

***Risk of Programming and Modeling Errors.*** The research and modeling process we engage in is extremely complex and involves financial, economic, econometric and statistical theories, research and modeling; the results of that process must then be translated into computer code. Although we seek to hire individuals skilled in each of these functions and endeavor to provide appropriate levels of oversight, the complexity of the individual tasks, the difficulty of integrating such tasks, and the limited ability to perform "real world" testing of the end product raises the chances that the finished model may contain an error; one or more of these errors could adversely affect the performance of our client's accounts and likely would not constitute a trade error under our policies or an applicable investment management agreement.

***Possible Volatility of Returns.*** Our investment programs seek to identify and manage risks, but not to avoid risk entirely. Therefore, Client returns will reflect a volatility commensurate with the risk posture then adopted by us. Prospective investors and clients should recognize and understand that such volatility can be greater at times than may be realized by alternate investments, and there is no assurance that such returns will be positive for a given period of time. In addition, measures of past volatility may not be accurate predictors of future variances in performance.

***Involuntary Disclosure Risk.*** As described above, our ability to achieve our clients' investment goals is dependent in large part on our ability to develop and protect our models and proprietary research. We protect our intellectual property through policies, procedures, agreements, and similar measures designed to create and enforce robust confidentiality, non-disclosure, and similar safeguards. Aggressive position-level public disclosure obligations (or disclosure obligations to exchanges or regulators with insufficient privacy safeguards) could lead to opportunities for competitors to reverse-engineer our intellectual property, and thereby impair our clients' relative or absolute performance of the Fund. In particular, recent regulatory changes and proposals in the United States and elsewhere requiring position level detail and other information that was not previously subject to general disclosure obligations (e.g., the new Form PF and the investigative powers granted to the new Financial Stability Oversight Council) heighten the risk of a public disclosure of our or our clients' confidential or proprietary information. .

***Proprietary Trading Methods.*** Because the trading methods we employ on behalf of our clients are proprietary to us, a client will not be able to determine any details of such methods or whether they are being followed.

***No Fixed Diversification Policies; Certain Correlation Risks.*** Although diversification is considered by the firm as part of our overall portfolio risk management process, our clients may not be fully diversified at all times. For example, we are not restricted as to the percentage of our clients' assets that may be invested in any particular issuer, industry,

instrument, market or strategy. We generally do not maintain any fixed limits, guidelines or requirements for diversifying a client account among strategies, issuers, industries, instruments, markets or sectors. In attempting to maximize returns, we may concentrate the holdings of a client account in those issuers, industries, instruments, markets or sectors that, in our sole judgment, provide the best profit opportunities consistent with the client's investment objective. Such concentration of risk could ultimately result in more significant losses to the client than would be the case if its capital had been spread over a wide number of positions. It is also possible that a client account could become significantly concentrated in one strategy, and the investments in such strategy may be more illiquid than the investments in other available strategies.

In addition, it is possible that multiple portfolios may exhibit correlations that result in the portfolio as a whole having a greater concentration in or exposure to a given asset, asset class, or risk scenario than would be expected from a strategy-by-strategy review. While we seek to identify and manage such aggregated risks, there is no guarantee that we will be effective in such identification or management, which could result in, among other consequences, losses or greater volatility in client portfolios.

***Financing Arrangements; Availability of Credit.*** The use of leverage is integral to many of our strategies, and performance depends on the availability of credit in order to finance a client portfolio. We have the power to borrow funds on behalf of our clients' accounts and may do so when we deem appropriate, including, without limitation, to enhance client returns and meet client redemptions that would otherwise result in the premature liquidation of investments. We may cause our clients to borrow funds from brokers, banks and other lenders to finance their trading operations. Such leverage, which may be substantial, may also be achieved through, among other methods, purchases of securities on margin and the use of options, futures, forward contracts, repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements and swaps. There are no limitations on our ability to borrow for the account of or to leverage our clients' accounts. The use of leverage can, in certain circumstances, increase the losses to which our clients may be subject.

Furthermore, counterparties that provide financing to our clients' accounts can often apply essentially discretionary margin, haircut, financing and collateral valuation policies. Changes by banks and counterparties in any of the foregoing, or the imposition of other credit limitations or restrictions, may result in large margin calls, loss of financing, forced liquidation of positions at disadvantageous prices, termination of swap and repurchase agreements and cross-defaults to agreements with other dealers. Any such adverse effects may be exacerbated in the event that such limitations or restrictions are imposed suddenly and/or by multiple market participants at or about the same time. There can be no assurance that we, for our clients' accounts, will be able to secure or maintain adequate financing.

The purchase of options, futures, forward contracts, repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements and equity swaps generally involves little or no margin deposit and, therefore, provides substantial leverage. Accordingly, relatively small price movements in these financial instruments may result in immediate and substantial losses to our clients.

***Dependence upon Key Individuals.*** Investors have no authority to make decisions or to exercise investment or business discretion on behalf of any collective investment vehicle clients. The authority for all such decisions is delegated to us. We, in turn, are dependent on the services of certain of our key personnel, and the loss of the services of one or more of

these professionals could impair our ability to provide services to our clients, and be material and adverse to our clients (particularly to our collective investment vehicle clients).

In some cases, if certain of our principals cease to be involved in the ongoing operation of the firm for any reason, our clients may be exposed to the risk of termination of critical agreements containing "key man" clauses.

***Client Expenses.*** Our clients' accounts will incur substantial costs in addition to incentive and management fees. These expenses may be higher than those incurred by other businesses or by other hedge fund managers. In addition, certain of the strategies we employ require frequent trading, increased portfolio turnover, brokerage commissions and other transaction fees and expenses.

***Systems Risks.*** Our clients depend on us to develop and implement appropriate systems for our trading and investing activities. We rely extensively on computer programs and systems (and may rely on new systems and technology in the future) for various purposes including, without limitation, to trade, clear and settle transactions, to evaluate certain financial instruments, to monitor portfolio positions and net capital, and to generate risk management and other reports that are critical to oversight of trading activities. Certain operations will be dependent upon systems operated by third parties and we may not be in a position to verify the risks or reliability of such third-party systems. These programs or systems may be subject to certain limitations, including, but not limited to, those caused by incorrect code, computer "worms," viruses and power failures. The failure of one or more systems or the inability of such systems to satisfy our and our client's needs could have a material adverse effect on our clients' accounts.

***Turnover.*** In view of the fact that our trading programs requires the taking of frequent trading positions, as well as the use of leverage, short-term market considerations will frequently be involved. It is anticipated that the turnover rate of our clients' portfolios may be higher than the turnover rates of other types of investment vehicles, potentially involving substantial transaction costs, brokerage commissions and fees.

***Correlation Risk.*** Many of the risks to which our clients might be exposed as a result of our management of their accounts, including but not limited to those discussed in this brochure, may be correlated. For example, in the recent crisis in the global markets, the poor performance of hedge funds and other investment vehicles led to increased difficulties in obtaining and maintaining financing, increased illiquidity, and increased valuation uncertainty, among other risks. To the extent various risks are correlated, losses could be accelerated or exacerbated.

***Risks of Counterparty Defaults and Other Adverse Events or Actions.*** The financial institutions and counterparties, including, without limitation, banks and brokerage firms, with which we cause our clients' accounts to trade or invest, may encounter financial difficulties and default on their obligations to our clients. Any such default could result in material losses to our clients. Such losses could result not only from an inability to recover assets on deposit with such counterparties, but also from a delay in establishing trading accounts with other counterparties, despite having ongoing exposure to open positions. Capital deposited at certain non-U.S. broker-dealers may not be subject to client money protection rules, and our clients would then face the possibility of being an unsecured creditor in the event of a broker-dealer insolvency.

In addition to the risk of a counterparty default, there is also the risk that the counterparties we select for our clients may be required to restrict the amount of credit granted to our clients due to their own financial difficulties, which could result in a forced liquidation of substantial portions of a client account.

### **C. Risks Associated With Particular Types of Securities.**

We trade a wide variety of instruments for our clients' accounts and, in general, do not enter into management agreements that materially restrict the universe of securities and other trading instruments that we may employ. At present, instruments heavily employed by us include exchange-traded futures and derivatives (including variance swaps, interest rate swaps, and currency forwards), each of which have certain inherent risks.

***Futures.*** The low margin deposits normally required in futures contract trading (typically between 2% and 20% of the value of the contract purchased or sold) permit an extremely high degree of leverage. Like other leveraged investments, investments in any futures trade may result in losses in excess of the amount invested. Futures and related options may be illiquid because they can generally only be traded while the exchange in question is open and certain commodity exchanges limit fluctuations in certain futures contract prices during a single day by regulations referred to as "daily price fluctuation limits" or "daily limits." Under such daily limits, during a single trading day no trades may be executed at prices beyond the daily limits. Once the price of a contract for a particular future has increased or decreased by an amount equal to the daily limit, positions in the future can neither be taken nor liquidated unless traders are willing to effect trades at or within the limit. Thus, once the market has moved to the "daily limit," it becomes extremely expensive, as well as difficult if not impossible, to close out positions against which the market is moving. This could prevent our clients from liquidating unfavorable positions promptly and subject them to substantial losses. The governing bodies of the various futures exchanges also may intervene so as to limit trading or require the liquidation of certain positions, resulting in major losses for affected market participants. Futures trading, unlike forward trading (as discussed below), is typically highly regulated, and such regulation could adversely affect our clients in certain circumstances.

***Derivatives.*** Our clients' accounts use derivative financial instruments, including, without limitation, warrants, options, swaps, notional principal contracts, contracts for difference, forward contracts, futures contracts and options thereon, and uses derivative techniques for hedging and for other trading purposes. The use of derivative instruments involves a variety of material risks, including, without limitation, the extremely high degree of leverage often embedded in such instruments and the possibility of counterparty non-performance, as well as of material and prolonged deviations between the theoretical and realizable value of a derivative (*i.e.*, due to nonconformance to anticipated or historical correlation patterns). These anticipated risks (and other risks that may not be anticipated) may make it difficult, as well as costly to our clients, to close out positions in order either to realize gains or to limit losses.

Many of the derivatives traded by us for our clients' accounts are likely to be principal-to-principal or "over-the-counter" contracts between the client and third parties entered into privately, rather than on an exchange. If so, our clients will not be afforded the regulatory and financial protections of an exchange or its clearinghouse (or of the government regulator that oversees such exchange and clearinghouse). In privately negotiated transactions, the risk



of the negotiated price deviating materially from fair value is substantial, particularly when there is no active market available from which to derive benchmark prices. Many derivatives are valued on the basis of dealers' pricing of these instruments. However, the price at which dealers value a particular derivative and the price which the same dealers would be willing to pay for such derivative should a counterparty wish or be forced to sell such position may be materially different. Such differences can result in an overstatement of the value of a client's account and may materially adversely affect our clients in situations in which they are required to sell derivative instruments.

Our use of derivatives and other techniques (such as short sales) for hedging purposes in our clients' accounts involves certain additional risks, including, without limitation: (i) imperfect correlation between movements in the asset on which the derivative is based and movements in the asset being hedged; and (ii) possible impediments to effective portfolio management or the ability to meet short-term obligations because of the percentage of a client account's assets segregated to secure its obligations under derivatives contracts.

**Forward Contracts.** We may, for our clients' accounts, trade forward contracts and options thereon and, unlike futures contracts, forward contracts are not traded on exchanges and are not standardized; rather, banks and dealers act as principals in these markets, negotiating each transaction on an individual basis. Forward and "cash" trading is substantially unregulated; there is no limitation on daily price movements and speculative position limits are not applicable. The principals who deal in the forward markets are not required to continue to make markets in the currencies or commodities they trade and these markets can experience periods of illiquidity, sometimes of significant duration. There have been periods during which certain participants in these markets have refused to quote prices for certain currencies or commodities or have quoted prices with an unusually wide spread between the price at which they were prepared to buy and that at which they were prepared to sell. Disruptions can occur in any market traded by us for client accounts due to unusually high trading volume, political intervention or other factors. The imposition of controls by governmental authorities might also limit such forward (and futures) trading to less than that which we would otherwise recommend, to the possible detriment of our clients. Market illiquidity or disruption could result in major losses to our clients.

## **ETFs**

The public trading price of shares in an ETF may be different from the net asset value of such shares (*i.e.*, ETF shares may trade at a premium over, or a discount to, the net asset values of such shares) and similarly, the public trading market price per ETF share may be different from the net asset value per ETF share. ETF arbitrage strategies are designed to profit from such deviations. The exploitation of such arbitrage opportunities should tend to cause the public trading price to track net asset value per share closely over time, thus limiting the opportunities for arbitrage.

ETF shares are listed for trading on exchanges. Trading in such shares may be halted due to market conditions or, in light of exchange rules and procedures, for reasons that, in the view of the relevant exchange, make trading in the ETF shares inadvisable. In addition, trading is subject to trading halts caused by extraordinary market volatility pursuant to "circuit breaker" rules that require trading to be halted for a specific period based on a specified market decline. There can be no assurance that the requirements necessary to maintain the listing of any ETF's shares will continue to be met or will remain unchanged.

Although it is anticipated that the ETF shares will be listed and traded on exchanges, there can be no guarantee that an active trading market for such shares will develop or be maintained. If the client needs to sell ETF shares at a time when no active market for them exists, the price the client receives for such shares, assuming that the client is able to sell them, likely will be lower than that it would receive if an active market did exist. In addition, certain ETFs arbitrage strategies require the client to be able to redeem or create ETF shares. If the client is unable to do so, the strategy could be rendered unprofitable.

In addition to the Management Fee and Incentive Fees paid and the other expenses of the client, the investment managers of the ETFs in which the client invests may be paid a management fee to which the Fund, as an investor, is indirectly subject. The ETFs in which the client invests also bear their own brokerage commissions and other expenses, and as an investor, the client will indirectly bear a portion of those expenses. Similarly, the ETFs in which the client may invest may pay fees to a trustee, and may also pay licensing and other fees. The fees and expenses involved in the client's operation, including, without limitation, the layering of fees at the level of the client's investment in ETFs, could result in a high cost of investment.

### ***ETNs***

The client may invest in ETNs, which are debt securities whose returns are linked to a particular index. ETNs are typically linked to the performance of a commodities index that reflects the potential return on unleveraged investments in futures contracts of physical commodities, plus a specified rate of interest that could be earned on cash collateral. ETNs are subject to credit risk. The value of an ETN may vary and may be influenced by time to maturity, level of supply and demand for the ETN, volatility and lack of liquidity in underlying commodities markets, changes in the applicable interest rates, changes in the issuer's credit rating, and economic, legal, political or geographic events that affect the referenced commodity. ETNs are also subject to the risk of being illiquid. When the client invests in ETNs it will bear its proportionate share of any fees and expenses borne by the ETN. There may be restrictions on the client's right to redeem its investment in an ETN, which is meant to be held until maturity. The client's decision to sell its ETN holdings may be limited by the unavailability of a secondary market.

### ***ADRs***

ADRs are receipts issued by a U.S. bank or trust company evidencing ownership of underlying Securities issued by foreign issuers. ADRs may be listed on a national securities exchange or may be traded in the over-the-counter market. Holders of unsponsored ADRs generally bear all the costs of such facilities. The depository of an unsponsored facility frequently is under no obligation to distribute investor communications received from the issuer of the deposited Security or to pass through voting rights to the holders of depositary receipts in respect of the deposited Securities. Investments in ADRs pose, to the extent not hedged, currency exchange risks (including, without limitation, blockage, devaluation and non-exchangeability), as well as a range of other potential risks relating to the underlying shares, which could include expropriation, confiscatory taxation, imposition of withholding or other taxes on dividends, interest, capital gains or other income, political or social instability or diplomatic developments that could affect investments in those countries, illiquidity, price volatility and market manipulation. In addition, less information may be available regarding the underlying shares of ADRs, and non-U.S. companies may not be

subject to accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards and requirements comparable to, or as uniform as, those of U.S. companies. Such risks may have a material adverse effect on the performance of such investments and could result in substantial losses.

***Counterparty Risks in the OTC Market.*** As referenced above, many of the markets in which we may effect transactions for our clients' accounts are not "exchange-based," including, without limitation, "over-the-counter" and "interdealer" markets. The participants in such markets are typically not subject to the credit evaluation and regulatory oversight to which members of "exchange-based" markets are subject. The lack of evaluation and oversight of over-the-counter markets that are available in exchange traded transactions (including, without limitation, clearing organization guarantees, daily marking-to-market and settlement, and segregation and minimum capital requirements applicable to intermediaries) exposes our clients to 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 our client to suffer a loss. Further, dealers have no obligation to make markets in non-exchange traded investment assets and our clients' accounts may hold non-exchange traded assets for which there is no market. If there is a default by the counterparty to such a non-exchange traded transaction, our clients will, under most normal circumstances, have contractual remedies pursuant to the agreements related to the transaction. However, exercising such contractual rights may involve delays, costs, or losses.

**ITEM 9**  
**DISCIPLINARY INFORMATION**

We have no disclosures to make under Item 9.

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

**A. Broker-Dealer Registration Status.**

We have no disclosures to make under Item 10.A.

**B. Futures Commission Merchant, Commodity Pool Operator, or Commodity Trading Adviser Registration Status.**

Kepos Capital LP is registered with the CFTC as a Commodities Pool Operator (CPO) and a Commodities Trading Adviser (CTA) and is a member of the NFA.

**C. Material Relationships or Arrangements with Industry Participants.**

We have no disclosures to make under Item 10.C.

**D. Material Conflicts of Interest Relating to Other Investment Advisers.**

We have no disclosures to make under Item 10.D.

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

**A. Code of Ethics.**

Our Code of Ethics provides specific policies and guidance on ethical and fiduciary matters for our personnel, some of which are summarized or highlighted below:

- *Gifts.* Firm personnel may not give or offer or receive any gift of more than *de minimis* value (currently \$100 over a calendar year) to existing investors, prospective investors, or any entity that does or seeks to do business with or on behalf of the firm without the prior written approval of our Compliance Officer.
- *Entertainment.* We prohibit firm personnel from providing or receiving extravagant or inappropriate entertainment. In addition, we (or our personnel) are required to pay for or reimburse an allocable share of any business-related entertainment (*e.g.*, tickets for sporting events and business dinners) provided to firm personnel, subject to a number of exceptions (including a *de minimis* exception and situation-specific waivers by the Compliance Officer).
- *Personal Trading.* We require disclosure of all accounts that hold “covered securities,” quarterly transaction reports, business and compliance pre-approvals to trade any covered securities (other than ETFs, municipal or other state and local bonds, and dividend reinvestment programs). Generally, we prohibit personal account trading in single name debt or equity securities. We also impose a minimum holding period for transactions.
- *Insider Trading and Market Manipulation.* We strictly prohibit trading on material, insider information or engaging in market manipulation and conduct periodic training on these topics.
- *Conflicts Disclosure.* We require disclosure of conflicts by firm personnel for themselves and for their spouses and dependents.

All firm personnel must acknowledge the terms of our Code of Ethics annually. In addition, all firm personnel receive training on the Code annually.

We will provide a copy of our Code of Ethics to any client or prospective client upon request.

**B. Securities That You or a Related Person Has a Material Financial Interest.**

We have no disclosures to make under Item 11.B.

**C. Investing in Securities That You or a Related Person Recommends to Clients.**

Other than a prohibition on trading securities on our restricted list, we do not have a blanket prohibition on what instruments may be traded. Much of our current activity involves OTC derivatives (*e.g.*, swaps) and futures, neither of which are generally traded by individuals. However, we do recognize (1) that we do at times trade individual securities, (2) that individuals may trade futures and (3) that certain high-net worth individuals can at times enter into swaps. Therefore, we require pre-clearance of all transactions in covered securities (with certain exceptions, such as registered mutual funds and municipal securities).

Generally, we prohibit personal account trading in single name debt or equity securities. We also mandate a minimum 30-day holding period for any transactions in covered securities.

**D. Conflicts of Interest Created by Contemporaneous Trading.**

In general, we expect that our pre-approval process will operate to reduce the risk of contemporaneous trading. In addition, we have a centralized trading desk that handles trading for client accounts, so the ability of non-trading desk personnel to effect a contemporaneous trade is reduced. We also review personal trading records and would expect to identify situations where personal account trading resembles or mirrors client trading. Also, as described in C., above, we require pre-clearance of all transactions in covered securities (with certain exceptions) and mandate a minimum 30-day holding period for transactions in covered securities.

**E. General Conflicts Disclosure.**

***Certain Characteristics of the Client Management Agreements***

The Management Fee is payable without regard to the overall success or income earned by the client and therefore may create an incentive on the part of the Investment Manager to raise or otherwise increase assets under management to a higher level than would be ideal for optimally managing the portfolio. The Investment Manager's eligibility to receive the Incentive Fee may incentivize the Investment Manager to trade and invest the client's portfolio in a more speculative manner than it otherwise would.

***Conflicts From Use of a Master-Feeder Structure***

The use of a master-feeder structure may create a conflict of interest among different groups of investors, in that tax considerations applicable to investors in a particular feeder fund may result in such master fund structuring or disposing of an investment in a manner or at a time that is more advantageous (or disadvantageous) for tax purposes to one feeder fund than to another.

***Multiple Clients: Differing Investment Programs and Compensation Arrangements***

The Investment Manager and its affiliates provide discretionary investment management services to several clients, which may include managed accounts and other investment partnerships or funds and which may have security and investment universes and/or investment objectives that are substantially similar; the strategies employed by the Investment Manager in servicing any one client are not proprietary or exclusive to such client. The Investment Manager and its affiliates may give advice and recommend securities to other clients which may differ from advice given to, or securities recommended or bought for, other clients, even though their investment objectives may be the same or similar.

In addition, other clients, managed accounts, and other investment partnerships advised by the Investment Manager may have different fee and incentive compensation terms. For example (and without limitation): the fees charged to other clients may be higher or lower; the relative sizes of the incentive fees or allocations and management fees may differ (or a given client may only be assessed one of them); there may be different components to or restrictions on the fee calculation; high water marks may be calculated differently for different clients and/or may be in effect at different times for different clients; or the fees assessed another client at a given time may otherwise simply be more lucrative for the Investment Manager. The Investment Manager seeks to address these potential compensation

conflicts by maintaining its systematic investing process and by endeavoring to assign responsibilities among its personnel in a way that is intended to support each of its client portfolios.

The Investment Manager and its partners, officers and employees will devote as much of their time to the activities of any one client as they deem necessary and appropriate. The Investment Manager and its affiliates are not restricted from forming additional investment funds, entering into other investment advisory relationships, investing their personal funds, or engaging in other business activities, even though such activities may substantially track, correlate to, mimic or compete with the Fund and/or may involve substantial time and resources of the Investment Manager. These activities could be viewed as creating a conflict of interest in that the time and effort of the partners of the Investment Manager and its officers and employees will not be devoted exclusively to the business of any one client but will be allocated between the business of such client and the management of the monies of other advisees of the Investment Manager and such other business activities. Further, by reason of these activities, the Investment Manager may not be able, or may determine not, to initiate a transaction for a client that the Investment Manager may have otherwise initiated.

If it is determined that it would be appropriate for a client and one or more other investment accounts managed by the Investment Manager or its affiliates to participate in an investment opportunity, the Investment Manager will seek to execute orders for all of the participating investment accounts on an equitable basis, taking into account such factors as the relative amounts of capital available for new investments, relative exposure to short-term market trends and the investment programs and portfolio positions of such client and the affiliated entities for which participation is appropriate. Orders may be combined for all such accounts, and if any order is not filled at the same price, the Investment Manager has the discretion to allocate completed transactions on an average price basis. Similarly, if an order on behalf of more than one account cannot be fully executed under prevailing market conditions, the Investment Manager has the discretion to allocate securities among the different accounts on a basis which the Investment Manager or its affiliates consider equitable. In addition, the Investment Manager may cause a client and one or more other investment accounts managed by the Investment Manager to participate in certain investments in a different manner from the other, as a result of legal, tax or other considerations. For example, one investment account may participate in an investment opportunity through the purchase of an equity interest while another participates through the extension of credit.

### ***Cross Trades***

During periods in which the assets of a client are not treated as "plan assets" for purposes of ERISA, the Investment Manager may determine that it would be in the best interests of such client and one or more investment vehicles managed by the Investment Manager to transfer a security from one account to another (each such transfer, a "Cross Trade") for a variety of reasons, including, without limitation, tax purposes, liquidity purposes, to rebalance the portfolios of the accounts, or to reduce transaction costs that may arise in an open market transaction. If the Investment Manager decides to engage in a Cross Trade, the Investment Manager will determine that the trade is in the best interests of both of the accounts involved in it and take steps to ensure that the transaction is consistent with the duty to obtain best execution for each of those accounts.

In the event that the Investment Manager executes a Cross Trade, it will generally use the assistance of a broker-dealer who executes and books the transaction at the close of the



market on the day of the transaction. Alternatively, a cross transaction between two fund clients may occur as an "internal cross", where the Investment Manager instructs the custodian for the funds to book the transaction at the price determined in accordance with the Investment Manager's valuation policies and procedures. If the Investment Manager effects an internal cross, the Investment Manager will not receive any fee in connection with the completion of the transaction.

### ***Trading Errors; Process Exceptions***

In the course of carrying out trading and investing responsibilities on behalf of the Master Fund, personnel of the Investment Manager may make "trading errors"—*i.e.*, errors in executing specific trading instructions. In general, examples of trading errors include: (i) buying or selling a security or financial instrument at a price or quantity that is inconsistent with the specific trading instructions generated by a particular strategy; or (ii) buying rather than selling a particular security or financial instrument (and *vice versa*). The Investment Manager will (unless it otherwise determines) treat all trading errors (including those which result in losses and those which result in gains) as for the account of the Fund, unless they are the result of conduct by the Investment Manager which is inconsistent with the standard of care set forth in the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Fund and the Fund's Investment Management Agreement.

Algorithmic, systematic and quantitative modeling and trading introduce additional opportunities for "process exceptions,"—*i.e.*, mistakes, errors, or unexpected results in or from the modeling, coding, integration, order generation, and risk management processes. Process exceptions can arise in a number of situations, such as typographical and other programming errors, data (including third party data) errors, interaction errors between different programs or systems, corrupted code or files, or unanticipated conditions or situations in the trading environment or the economic data. As with trading errors, the Investment Manager will (unless it otherwise determines) treat all process exceptions (including those which result in losses and those which result in gains) as for the account of a client, unless they are the result of conduct by the Investment Manager which is inconsistent with the standard of care set forth in such client's Investment Management Agreement.

### ***Other Situations***

From time to time, certain investors in a client fund may acquire Shares on more favorable business terms than other investors in such client fund.

Other present and future activities of the Investment Manager and its affiliates may give rise to additional conflicts of interest. In the event that a conflict of interest arises, the Investment Manager will attempt to resolve such conflict in a fair and equitable manner.

## ITEM 12 BROKERAGE PRACTICES

### A. Factors Considered in Selecting or Recommending Broker-Dealers for Client Transactions.

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

We do not utilize so-called "soft dollars" (*i.e.*, commission dollars and transaction fees generated through agency and certain riskless principal transactions) to pay for our research-related expenses. However, (1) we do cause or allow our clients to take advantage of certain services offered directly to them by brokers and dealers (*e.g.*, exchange connectivity and certain execution applications), which we will review under an overall "best execution" analysis and (2) we do receive periodic client updates, "market color" reports, research reports, seminar invitations, and similar services from service providers (including prime brokers, counterparties, law firms, and auditors) by virtue of being a client or prospective client of such providers (or by virtue of being an advisor to a client or prospective client of such providers).

#### 2. *Brokerage for Client Referrals*

We do not direct brokerage activity to specific broker-dealers in exchange for client referrals. We do, however, utilize certain capital introduction services offered by a number of our prime brokers, pursuant to which we receive introductions to qualified prospective investors in our pooled investment vehicle clients. We will review the performance and costs of the brokerage services provided by these prime brokers as part of a broader "best execution" analysis.

#### 3. *Directed Brokerage.*

Currently, we do not permit our clients, or the investors in pooled investment vehicle clients, to recommend, request or require us to execute transactions through a specified broker-dealer.

### B. Order Aggregation.

We may, when appropriate, allocate investments among one or more client accounts. We have adopted policies and procedures intended to fairly manage the allocation of such investment opportunities, to the extent practicable and in accordance with each client's applicable investment strategies, over a period of time. Our policies and procedures are intended to ensure that no single client may be or will be favored over another in the allocation of trade orders and investment opportunities, based upon its identity or affiliation, account performance, fee structure, or similar attributes not related to investment factors.

The allocation methodology may be based on a "first-in first-out" basis, a "bunched" or "aggregated" basis, or any other method we deem appropriate; *provided* that the method is designed to achieve a fair and equitable allocation of investment opportunities among our clients over time. We may, in appropriate circumstances, simultaneously transmit orders for different trades for different client in the same instrument. We are under no obligation to use any particular allocation methodology.

**ITEM 13**  
**REVIEW OF ACCOUNTS**

**A. Frequency and Nature of Review of Client Accounts or Financial Plans.**

Our senior personnel, including our Chief Investment Officer and our individual portfolio managers and researchers, conduct periodic reviews of our clients' portfolios. In addition, a review of a client portfolio may be triggered by any activity or unusual circumstances.

We provide investors with monthly, unaudited reports containing performance information and certain risk metrics and with annual audited financial statements within 120 days of the applicable collective investment vehicle client's fiscal year end.

**B. Factors Prompting Review of Client Accounts Other than a Periodic Review.**

Item 13.B. is not applicable as we do not provide these services to clients.

**C. Content and Frequency of Account Reports to Clients.**

We do not have any set schedule for account reporting to our clients that are pooled investment vehicles, other than arranging for audited financial statements to be provided on an annual basis. We do arrange for written monthly statements to be provided to investors in our clients that are pooled investment vehicles by the administrator of those funds.

To the extent we have clients that are not pooled investment vehicles, the reporting obligations would be specified in the relevant investment management agreement.

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

**A. Economic Benefits for Providing Services to Clients.**

We have no disclosures to make under Item 14.A.

**B. Compensation to Non-Supervised Persons for Client Referrals.**

We have no disclosures to make under Item 14.B. However, clients and prospective clients are advised to review Item 12.A.2. (“Brokerage for Client Referrals”).

**ITEM 15**  
**CUSTODY**

Account statements related to our pooled investment vehicle clients are sent by qualified custodians to us (including statements provided to us electronically).

## **ITEM 16**

### **INVESTMENT DISCRETION**

We accept discretionary authority to manage securities accounts on behalf of our clients. In general we are granted this power through investment management agreements that grant us very broad authority to buy and sell securities for client accounts, including the ability to sell short and to enter into derivative and other transactions for our clients' accounts. In some cases we obtain additional resolutions, powers of attorney, or other authorizations from a client (including from the board of directors or general partner of a client) specifically granting us these powers.

We also generally have the ability to leverage and otherwise encumber the assets in such accounts, to transfer assets between a client's accounts, and to withdraw cash or securities from client accounts for a number of purposes, including to satisfy obligations to us or third parties in respect of management fees, incentive fees or allocations, for payments of expenses, or for expense reimbursement.

## ITEM 17

### VOTING CLIENT SECURITIES

#### A. **Policies and Procedures Relating to Voting Client Securities.**

Under our existing investment management agreements, we have been delegated all responsibilities with respect to proxy voting for our pooled investment vehicle clients; investors in these clients do not have any right to direct proxy voting. To the extent that we manage specific separate accounts, the allocation of responsibilities for the proxy voting function would be subject to the relevant investment management agreement (and therefore some or all of the disclosures in the remainder of this Item 17 could be inapplicable to those clients).

While our investment strategies do not generally take positions or views on corporate governance matters, we have nevertheless designed and adopted a proxy voting policy to assist us in fulfilling any duties or obligations that we may have with respect to voting proxies.

***Engagement of Institutional Shareholder Services, Inc.*** In order to facilitate the proxy voting process, we have arranged for Institutional Shareholder Services, Inc., an independent proxy voting service, to provide our pooled investment vehicle clients with proxy analysis and voting recommendations, vote execution, and periodic reports indicating how individual votes have been cast; accordingly, we have adopted ISS' voting guidelines. However, we may, from time to time, determine that it is in the best interests of our clients to depart from ISS' voting recommendations, in which case we can override their voting guidelines and provide specific voting instructions.

***Conflicts.*** We believe that it is unlikely that we will be faced with any direct or indirect conflicts of interest with respect to the voting of any particular proxy, in part because we have engaged ISS to handle all proxy votes and adopted their voting guidelines.

***Information.*** Clients may obtain information from us on how we voted their proxies upon request and may obtain a copy of our proxy voting policy and procedures upon request. In addition, summaries of ISS' voting guidelines are available at the following website: <http://www.issgovernance.com/policy>.

#### B. **No Authority to Vote Client Securities and Client Receipt of Proxies.**

Item 17.B. currently does not apply to us.

**ITEM 18**  
**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**A. Balance Sheet.**

Item 18.A. is inapplicable as we do not require or solicit prepayment of fees six months or more in advance.

**B. Financial Conditions Likely to Impair Ability to Meet Contractual Commitments to Clients.**

We have no disclosures to make under Item 18.B.

**C. Bankruptcy Filings.**

We have no disclosures to make under Item 18.C.



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

We are not registered with any state securities authorities.