

**Part 2A of Form ADV: Firm Brochure**

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The Adviser is a registered investment adviser. Registration of an investment adviser does not imply any level of skill or training. The oral and written communications of an adviser provide you with information that may help you determine whether to hire or retain an adviser.

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

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## **Item 2 – Material Changes**

We provide this brochure to our clients as well as limited partners of Morgan Stanley Dean Witter Venture Partners IV and its related funds (collectively, the “Limited Partners”).

There was one material update since the last update of this Brochure, which was dated March 29, 2019. The funds that comprised Morgan Stanley Venture Partners 2002 Fund ceased operations as of December 31, 2019.

We will provide clients and Limited Partners with a new Brochure as necessary based on material changes or new information, at any time, without charge upon request.

Our Brochure may be requested by contacting Morgan Stanley Investment Management Investor Services at 212-761-7160 or email [vc\\_investor@morganstanley.com](mailto:vc_investor@morganstanley.com).

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#### **Item 4 – Advisory Business**

The Adviser was formed in 2008 and registered with the SEC under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended (the “Advisers Act”) in 2008.

The Adviser is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Morgan Stanley.

As of December 31, 2019, the Adviser had approximately \$8,333,512,986 of regulatory assets under management, all of which are managed on a discretionary basis.

The Adviser provides investment advisory services to Morgan Stanley Dean Witter Venture Partners IV, L.P. and its related funds’ (together, the “Venture IV Partnership” or the “Fund”). The Fund’s investment objective is to achieve attractive risk-adjusted returns primarily through investing in equity, equity-related and similar securities (including debt or other securities with equity like returns or an equity component) acquired in privately negotiated transactions. The Fund has been permitted to make investments in portfolio companies indirectly by investing through partnerships (or other investment vehicles). The Fund has generally focused on investment opportunities where it can acquire a significant minority ownership position. The Fund has also been permitted to make investments in debt or publicly-traded securities, and assets or instruments related to the foregoing.

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## **Item 5 – Fees and Compensation**

### ***Management Fees and Carried Interest***

Through the end of the Fund's investment period, the Adviser received an annual management fee by the Fund, which was funded by the Fund's limited partners (the "Limited Partners"). The fee payable by each Limited Partner was initially calculated as 2% of the committed capital of such Limited Partner. Commencing on the earlier of: (i) the sixth anniversary of the initial closing of the Fund and (ii) the initial closing date of any successor fund, the management fee was reduced by 0.25% each year until it equaled 1.5%. Since approximately October 2006, the management fee has been limited to 2.5% of the cost basis of the Fund's remaining private investments. Effective September 29, 2012, the management fee has been calculated based on 1.5% of the cost basis of private investments held as of the previous quarter's end. Effective January 1, 2018, the Adviser has waived all management fees.

MSDW Venture Partners IV, LLC (the "General Partner") is generally entitled to carried interest equal to 25% of all realized income, gain and losses with respect to the portfolio securities of the Venture IV Partnerships, except for Morgan Stanley Dean Witter Venture Investors IV, L.P. and Morgan Stanley Dean Witter Venture Offshore Investors IV, L.P. (collectively, the "Employee Funds"). The General Partner is entitled to carried interest equal to 12.5% of all realized income, gain and losses with respect to the portfolio securities of the Employee Funds.

Fees may be deducted from clients' assets as set forth in the limited partnership agreements of the Fund (the "Partnership Agreement"). The management fee is payable quarterly in advance. Carried interest distributions are calculated and made to the General Partner out of the proceeds at the time of distribution to the Limited Partners (see also "Co-Investments" below for additional information on the fees and expenses relating to co-investments).

### ***Transaction Based Compensation***

The Adviser and its professionals may charge portfolio companies transaction fees, sponsor fees, monitoring fees, advisory fees, directors' fees, commitment fees, closing fees, amendment fees, break up fees and other similar fees. An amount equal to the Limited Partner's share of such fees paid by portfolio companies that are received by the Adviser or any of its employees, net of any unreimbursed expenses incurred by the Adviser or its affiliates in connection with unconsummated transactions, will be applied to reduce the management fee otherwise payable by such Limited Partner. All such fees will first be allocated among the Limited Partners and any other investors on the basis of capital committed by each to the relevant investment. Management fee reductions will be carried forward if necessary.

### ***Other Fees and Expenses***

In addition to the management fee and the carried interest, pursuant to the Partnership Agreement, the Fund generally bears its own expenses, including organization and syndication expenses; legal, accounting, audit, custodial and professional fees; banking, brokerage, broken-deal, registration, finders, depositary and similar fees or commissions; transfer, capital and other taxes, duties and costs incurred in

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acquiring, holding, selling or otherwise disposing of assets, insurance premiums, indemnifications and costs of litigation, cost of reports to partners and annual or special meetings; and interest expenses.

### ***Co-Investments***

The terms of a co-investment applicable to one co-investor may be different than the terms applicable to another co-investor, including that certain co-investors may be required to pay a carried interest and/or management fees while other co-investors (including affiliates of Morgan Stanley) may not be required to pay such amounts. The Adviser or the General Partner may or may not charge management fees, one time funding fees, administration fees and/or carried interest in respect of co-investments, subject to the terms of any applicable agreements with investors. In addition, Morgan Stanley may, in certain circumstances, be incentivized to offer certain potential co-investors (including, by way of example, as a part of an overall strategic relationship with Morgan Stanley) priority to co-investment opportunities or to co-invest on more favorable terms than other potential co-investors due to the amount of performance-based compensation or management fees paid by the co-investor receiving the priority allocation or better terms (as well as any additional discounts or rebates avoided by allocating co-investments to such co-investor) or other aspects of such co-investor's relationship with Morgan Stanley. The allocation of any co-investment opportunities may directly or indirectly benefit the Adviser or the General Partner as a result of, among other things, the receipt of any such fees or carried interest, capital commitments to the Fund and capital commitments to other Affiliated Investment Accounts (as hereinafter defined). Co-investors in one or more specific investments will not necessarily be required to share in broken-deal expenses that are paid by the Fund, either with respect to a co-investment opportunity that is not consummated or with respect to other potential investments that may be offered to the Fund. The performance of co-investments is not aggregated with that of the Fund, including for purposes of determining the General Partner's carried interest or the Adviser's management fees under the Partnership Agreement. See also "Allocation of Co-Investment Opportunities" in Item 11 below for additional information on the allocation of co-investment opportunities.

### ***Disparate Fee Arrangements with Service Providers***

Certain advisors and other service providers to the Fund (including accountants, administrators, lenders, bankers, brokers, agents, attorneys, consultants, and investment or commercial banking firms), and/or their affiliates, also provide goods or services to or have business, personal, political, financial or other relationships with Morgan Stanley, the General Partner, the Adviser or their affiliates. Such advisors and other service providers may be investors in the Fund, affiliates of the General Partner, sources of investment opportunities or co-investors or counterparties therewith. These other services and relationships may influence the General Partner and the Adviser in deciding whether to select or recommend such a service provider to perform services for the Fund (the cost of which generally will be borne by the Fund and, indirectly, the Limited Partners). In certain circumstances, advisors and other service providers, or their affiliates, may charge different rates or have different arrangements for services provided to Morgan Stanley, the General Partner, the Adviser or their affiliates as compared to services provided the Fund, which may result in more favorable rates or arrangements than those payable by the Fund. Item 10 further describes material relationships with Morgan Stanley and other affiliated entities.

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The confidential offering memorandum for the Fund includes further details on fees and compensation and related matters.

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## **Item 6 – Performance-Based Fees and Side-By-Side Management**

In some cases, the Adviser has entered into performance fee arrangements with qualified clients and such fees are subject to individualized negotiation with each such client. The Adviser will structure any performance or incentive fee arrangement subject to Section 205(a)(1) of the Advisers Act in accordance with the available exemptions thereunder, including the exemption set forth in Rule 205-3. Performance-based fee arrangements may create an incentive for the Adviser to recommend investments that may be riskier or more speculative than those which would be recommended under a different fee arrangement. Such fee arrangements also create an incentive to favor higher fee paying accounts over other accounts in the allocation of investment opportunities. The Adviser has designed and implemented procedures to ensure that all clients are treated fairly and equitably, and to prevent this conflict from influencing the allocation of investment opportunities among clients.



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## **Item 7 – Types of Clients**

The Adviser provides portfolio management services to pooled investment vehicles. These pooled investment vehicles are not subject to regulation under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “Investment Company Act”). In addition, limited partner interests in the Fund were able to be purchased only by certain eligible investors who are “accredited investors” as defined in Regulation D of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and “qualified purchasers” for purposes of Section 3(c)(7) of the Investment Company Act.

Generally, the Fund’s institutional investors must have invested a minimum of \$5 million and individual investors must have invested a minimum of \$1 million. The General Partner reserves the right to waive this requirement in its discretion.

In the case of the Employee Fund, interests have been offered and sold to investors who are “accredited investors” as defined in Regulation D of the Securities Act and in accordance with the requirements of an exemptive order under the Investment Company Act received by Morgan Stanley from the United States Securities and Exchange Commission in April 2000.

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## Item 8 – Methods of Analysis, Investment Strategies and Risk of Loss

### Investment Strategies and Methods of Analysis

The Fund's investment period has terminated and it is no longer making new investments. The Fund's investment objective is to achieve attractive risk-adjusted returns primarily through investing in equity, equity-related and similar securities (including debt or other securities with equity-like returns or an equity component) acquired in privately negotiated transactions. The Fund has, from time to time, made investments in portfolio companies indirectly by investing through partnerships (or other investment vehicles). The Fund generally has focused on investment opportunities where it can acquire a significant minority ownership position. The Fund has been permitted to make investments in debt or publicly-traded securities, and assets or instruments related to the foregoing. For certain investments such as leveraged buyouts, the Fund may have acquired a majority ownership position. The Fund's primary focus is to dispose of its current assets and make distributions to the Limited Partners.

The Adviser's main sources of information and investment opportunities have been contacts with employees of Morgan Stanley and Morgan Stanley's network of clients, executives, partners and other industry participants.

From time to time, the Adviser may cause the Fund to invest cash held by it in temporary investments or to employ hedging techniques to reduce the risk of adverse interest rate, currency, credit or security movements on investments.

### Risk Considerations Associated with Investing - In General

The following is a non-exhaustive description of risks associated with investments generally and/or may apply to one or more types of investment technique.

- **General Economic and Market Risks.** The Fund's investments may be affected by general economic and market conditions, such as interest rates, availability of credit, inflation rates, economic uncertainty, changes in laws, and national and international political circumstances. These factors may affect the level and volatility of security prices and liquidity of the Fund's investments. Unexpected volatility or lack of liquidity, such as the general market conditions that have prevailed recently, could impair the Fund's profitability or result in its suffering losses. Economies and financial markets throughout the world are becoming increasingly interconnected, which increases the likelihood that events or conditions in one country or region will adversely impact markets or issuers in other countries or regions.
- **Cyber Security-Related Risks.** The Adviser is susceptible to cyber security risks that include, among other things, theft, unauthorized monitoring, release, misuse, loss, destruction or corruption of confidential and highly restricted data; denial of service attacks; unauthorized access to relevant systems, compromises to networks or devices that the Adviser and its service providers, if applicable, use to service the Fund; or operational disruption or failures in the physical infrastructure or operating systems that support the Adviser or its service providers, if applicable.

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Cyber-attacks against, or security breakdowns of, the Adviser or its service providers, if applicable, may adversely impact the Adviser and the Fund potentially resulting in, among other things, financial losses; the Adviser's inability to transact business on behalf of the Fund; violations of applicable privacy and other laws; regulatory fines, penalties, reputational damage, reimbursement or other compensation costs; and/or additional compliance costs. The Adviser may incur additional costs related to cyber security risk management and remediation. In addition, cyber security risks may also impact portfolio companies in which the Adviser invests on behalf of the Fund, which may cause the Fund's investments in such portfolio companies to lose value. There can be no assurance that the Adviser or its service providers, if applicable, will not suffer losses relating to cyber-attacks or other information security breaches in the future. While the Adviser has established business continuity and risk management systems seeking to address system breaches or failures, there are inherent limitations in such plans and systems.

- **Coronavirus and Public Health Emergencies.** As of the date of this brochure, there is an outbreak of a novel and highly contagious form of coronavirus ("COVID-19"), which the World Health Organization has declared to constitute a "Public Health Emergency of International Concern." The outbreak of COVID-19 has resulted in numerous deaths, adversely impacted global commercial activity and contributed to significant volatility in certain equity, debt, derivatives and commodities markets. The global impact of the outbreak is rapidly evolving, and many countries have reacted by instituting (or strongly encouraging) quarantines, prohibitions on travel, the closure of offices, businesses, schools, retail stores, restaurants, hotels, courts and other public venues, and other restrictive measures designed to help slow the spread of COVID-19. Businesses are also implementing similar precautionary measures. Such measures, as well as the general uncertainty surrounding the dangers and impact of COVID-19, are creating significant disruption in supply chains and economic activity and are having a particularly adverse impact on transportation, hospitality, tourism, entertainment and other industries. Moreover, with the continued spread of COVID-19, governments and businesses are likely to take increasingly aggressive measures to help slow its spread. For this reason, among others, as COVID-19 continues to spread, the potential impacts, including a global, regional or other economic recession, are increasingly uncertain and difficult to assess.

Any public health emergency, including any outbreak of COVID-19, SARS, H1N1/09 flu, avian flu, other coronavirus, Ebola or other existing or new epidemic diseases, or the threat thereof, could have a significant adverse impact on the Fund and its investments and could adversely affect the Fund's ability to fulfill its investment objectives.

The extent of the impact of any public health emergency on the Fund and its investments' operational and financial performance will depend on many factors, including the duration and scope of such public health emergency, the scope of any related travel advisories and restrictions implemented, the impact of such public health emergency on overall supply and demand, goods and services, investor liquidity, consumer confidence and spending levels, and levels of economic activity and the extent of its disruption to important global, regional and local supply chains and economic markets, all of which are highly uncertain and cannot be predicted. The effects of a public health emergency may materially and adversely impact the value and performance of the Fund and its investments, the Fund's ability to source, manage and divest investments and the Fund's ability to achieve its investment objectives, all of which could result

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in significant losses to the Fund. In addition, the operations of the Fund and the Adviser may be significantly impacted, or even temporarily or permanently halted, as a result of government quarantine measures, voluntary and precautionary restrictions on travel or meetings and other factors related to a public health emergency, including its potential adverse impact on the health of the personnel of any such entity or the personnel of any such entity's key service providers.

- **Legal and Regulatory Risks**

Section 619 of the Dodd-Frank Act (commonly referred to as the "Volcker Rule"), along with regulations issued by the Federal Reserve and other U.S. federal financial regulators ("Implementing Regulations") generally prohibit "banking entities" (which term includes bank holding companies and their affiliates) from investing in, sponsoring, or having certain types of relationships with, private equity funds or hedge funds (referred to in the Implementing Regulations as "covered funds"). Banking entities (including Morgan Stanley and its affiliates) were required to bring their activities and investments into conformance with the Volcker Rule by July 21, 2015, subject to certain extensions granted by the U.S. Federal Reserve that allow Morgan Stanley and its affiliates until July 21, 2022 at the latest to bring certain of their covered fund activities and investments into compliance with certain aspects of the Volcker Rule.

The Volcker Rule and the Implementing Regulations impose a number of restrictions on Morgan Stanley and its affiliates that could affect the Adviser, a covered fund offered by the Adviser, the general partner of those funds, and the limited partners of such funds. For example, to sponsor and invest in certain covered funds, Morgan Stanley must comply with the Implementing Regulations' "asset management" exemption to the Volcker Rule's prohibition on sponsoring and investing in covered funds. Under this exemption, the investments made by Morgan Stanley (aggregated with certain affiliate and employee investments in a covered fund must not exceed 3% of the covered fund's outstanding ownership interests and Morgan Stanley's aggregate investment in covered funds does not exceed 3% of Morgan Stanley's Tier I capital. In addition, the Volcker Rule and the Implementing Regulations prohibit Morgan Stanley and its affiliates from entering into certain other transactions (including "covered transactions" as defined in Section 23A of the U.S. Federal Reserve Act, as amended) with or for the benefit of, covered funds that it sponsors or advises. For example, Morgan Stanley may not provide loans, hedging transactions with extensions of credit or other credit support to covered funds it advises. While we endeavor to minimize the impact on our covered funds and the assets held by them, Morgan Stanley's interests in determining what actions to take in complying with the Volcker Rule and the Implementing Regulations may conflict with our interests and the interests of the private funds, the general partner and the limited partners of the private funds, all of which may be adversely affected by such actions. The foregoing is not an exhaustive discussion of the potential risks the Volcker Rule poses for the Adviser and Morgan Stanley.

- **Risks Arising from "Brexit" and Risks Associated with the European Union**

The United Kingdom (UK) left the European Union (EU) on January 31, 2020 ("Brexit"). Under the terms of the withdrawal agreement concluded between the UK and the EU, a transition (or standstill) period will run until December 31, 2020, during which time the

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UK continues to benefit from and be bound by many EU laws. Although it is possible that this transition period could be extended, such an extension currently seems unlikely.

The terms of the UK's future relationship with the EU are uncertain and will depend on how the UK and the EU re-negotiate their relationship during the remainder of 2020. Given this uncertainty, it is difficult to predict how the UK's withdrawal from the EU will be implemented and what the economic, tax, fiscal, legal, regulatory and other implications will be for the asset management industry, the broader European and global financial markets generally and for private funds such as the Fund and its investments.

At the end of the transition period, there is a risk that the EU and the UK will not enter into a long-term free trade agreement. Even if they do, the terms of any such agreement may cause trade in goods and services between the UK and the EU to be severely disrupted. If no agreement is reached, the cross-border trade in goods between the UK and EU member states would depend on any multilateral trade agreements to which both the EU and the UK are parties (such as those administered by the World Trade Organization) and the provision of services by UK firms would be restricted to those that could be provided by firms established in any third country, and could even be more restricted. If an agreement is reached, its scope may be limited and may only partially alleviate these issues. In any event, it is likely that the UK will leave the customs union and the single market and that its access to EU markets will be more restricted than it is now, perhaps significantly so.

While some EU directives contemplate access to EU markets by firms established in countries deemed to have equivalent standards, even if UK domestic law continues to be equivalent to EU law (which is not guaranteed), there is no certainty that the EU will facilitate equivalence decisions in a timely fashion, despite mutual commitments to make equivalence assessments by the end of June 2020. It is therefore expected that there will be disruption, at least initially, in all areas in which there is currently harmonizing EU legislation, because the current legal framework will cease to apply to the UK with nothing to replace it unless and until the UK negotiates alternative arrangements with the EU and/or with individual member states.

The future application of EU-based legislation to the private fund industry in the UK will depend on the agreed future relationship and the actions of the UK government. Any re-negotiated terms or amended laws and regulations may have an adverse impact on the Fund and its investments, including the ability of the Fund to achieve their investment objectives. Brexit may result in significant market dislocation, heightened counterparty risk, an adverse effect on the management of market risk and increased legal, regulatory or compliance burden for Limited Partners, the Adviser and/or the Fund, each of which may have a negative impact on the operations, financial condition, returns or prospects of the Fund.

Brexit may have an adverse effect on the tax treatment of the Fund and its investments, in particular where reliance might have been placed on a UK entity's status as being in an EU member state for the purposes of determining eligibility for benefits under a double tax treaty. There may also be an adverse effect on the tax treatment of the Fund and its investments following the end of the transition period. In particular, depending on the agreed future application of EU law to the UK, EU directives preventing withholding taxes being imposed on intra-group dividends, interest and royalties may no longer apply to payments made into

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and out of the UK, meaning that instead the UK's double tax treaty network would need to be relied upon. Further, there may be changes to the operation of VAT.

While the most immediate impacts on corporate transactions will likely be related to changes in market conditions, the development of new regulatory regimes and parallel competition law enforcement may have an adverse impact on transactions, particularly those occurring in, or impacted by conditions in, the UK and elsewhere in Europe.

### **Risk of Loss - Certain Risks Related to Investment Strategy**

Investing in securities involves risk of loss that clients should be prepared to bear. The Adviser cannot provide assurance that it will be able to generate any level of returns for investors. The Adviser's investment strategy entails a high degree of risk and is suitable only for sophisticated investors who fully understand and are capable of bearing the risks of an investment in the Fund.

The following list of risk factors does not purport to be a complete list or explanation of the risks involved in an investment in the Fund. The risks summarized below are described in greater detail in the confidential offering memorandum for the Fund. In addition, there are other risks (in addition to risks related to our investment strategy) associated with investing in the Fund, which are described in the confidential offering memorandum. You may also request an updated explanation of risk factors by contacting Morgan Stanley Investment Management Investor Services as described above.

- Inability to meet investment objective or execute investment strategy;
- Potential loss of invested capital;
- Reliance on expertise of Morgan Stanley investment professionals;
- Highly competitive markets and prevailing regulatory or political climates;
- Illiquidity of investments;
- Little or no current return on investments prior to their disposition;
- Significant degree of financial and/or business risk;
- Lack of diversification;
- Volatility of the global fixed income and equity markets;
- Lack of protection by financial covenants in debt investments;
- Leverage at the level of the Fund and/or portfolio companies;
- Adverse political developments and regulation in foreign countries;

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- Potential inability to protect the value of minority equity investments;
  - Reliance on portfolio company management;
  - Exposure to portfolio company and related party claims;
  - Potential liabilities related to portfolio company restructurings;
  - Use of hedging techniques;
  - Changes in general economic conditions and global economic and political events;
  - Potential liquidating distributions of restricted or otherwise illiquid securities to investors;
  - Limitations on transfer and withdrawal;
  - Risks associated with making venture capital investments, non-U.S. investments and minority investments;
  - Risks associated with the realization and disposition of investments;
  - Risks associated with required regulatory clearance and approval for healthcare investments;
  - Catastrophic events, epidemics and other force majeure events; and
  - Legal and regulatory risks, including: investment restrictions related to the Fund's operation as a VCOC within the meaning of ERISA and burdensome regulation by one or more governmental entities in specific industries.

The General Partner and the Adviser also may face conflicts of interest in connection with managing the Fund. See Item 10 – Other Financial and Industry Activities.

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**Item 9 – Disciplinary Information**

The Adviser has no information applicable to this Item.



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## Item 10 – Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations

### Introduction

As a diversified global financial services firm, Morgan Stanley engages in a broad spectrum of activities including financial advisory services, investment management activities, lending, commercial banking, sponsoring and managing private investment funds, engaging in broker-dealer transactions and principal securities, commodities and foreign exchange transactions, research publication and other activities. Investors should be aware that potential and actual conflicts of interest between Morgan Stanley or any Affiliated Investment Account, on the one hand, and the Fund, on the other hand, may exist and others may arise in connection with the operation of the Fund. Morgan Stanley's employees may also have interests separate from those of Morgan Stanley and the Fund. The discussion below enumerates certain actual, apparent and potential conflicts of interest. The Adviser can give no assurance that conflicts of interest will be resolved in favor of the Fund's investors, and, in fact, they may not be.

### Broker-Dealer Registration

Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC is a registered broker-dealer. Certain of the Adviser's management persons are registered representatives of Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, where it is necessary or appropriate to perform their responsibilities.

### Other Material Relationships with Affiliated Entities

- Broker-Dealer, Municipal Securities Dealer, Government Securities Dealer or Broker

To the extent permitted by applicable law, the Adviser, Funds or its portfolio companies may use the securities, futures execution, underwriting or other services offered by Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC or other affiliates. Please see Item 12 for more information about the Adviser's practices concerning using a Morgan Stanley affiliate as a broker.

- Other Advisory Affiliates

The Adviser is part of a group of investment advisers within the Morgan Stanley Investment Management business, including Morgan Stanley Investment Management Inc., Morgan Stanley Investment Management Limited, Morgan Stanley Investment Management (Japan) Co., Ltd., Morgan Stanley AIP GP LP, Morgan Stanley Asset Management Private Limited, Morgan Stanley Real Estate Advisor, Inc., Morgan Stanley Infrastructure, Inc., Morgan Stanley Private Equity Asia, Inc., MSREF V, L.L.C., MSREF Real Estate Advisor, Inc., MSRESS III Manager, L.L.C., and Mesa West Capital, LLC.

The Adviser, in its discretion, may delegate all or a portion of its advisory or other functions to any affiliate that is registered with the SEC as an investment adviser and may receive a variety of services from such affiliates, including gathering information about potential investment opportunities, financial advice and assistance in connection with the making, monitoring and

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disposing of investments and securities underwriting and brokerage services in connection with the sale of investments. The Adviser shares certain officers and directors with related investment advisers that also manage affiliated private equity funds.

To the extent that the Adviser delegates its advisory or other functions to such investment advisers, a copy of the brochure of each such affiliate is available on the SEC's website and will be provided to investors in the Fund upon request.

- Affiliates Acting as Fundraising Broker-Dealers

Broker-dealers that are affiliates of Morgan Stanley may have acted as placement agents (the "Placement Agents") to assist in the placement of interests to certain Limited Partners (such Limited Partners, the "Solicited Partners").

The prospect of receiving, or the receipt of, additional compensation by the Placement Agents may provide such Placement Agents and their salespersons with an incentive to favor sales of interests and interests in funds whose affiliates make similar compensation available over sales of interests in funds (or other fund investments) with respect to which the Placement Agent does not receive additional compensation, or receives lower levels of additional compensation. Morgan Stanley employees involved in the marketing and placement of the Interests are not acting as tax, financial, legal or accounting advisors to potential investors in connection with the offering of the interests.

Affiliates Acting as Investment Bankers

In the ordinary course of its business, Morgan Stanley performs full-service investment banking and financial services and therefore engages in activities where Morgan Stanley's interests or the interests of its clients may conflict with the interests of the investors, notwithstanding Morgan Stanley's direct or indirect participation in the investments of the Fund.

From time to time, Morgan Stanley's investment banking professionals may introduce to the Fund a client that requires equity to complete an acquisition transaction. If the Fund pursues the resulting investment, Morgan Stanley could have a conflict in its representation of the client over the price and terms of the Fund's investment.

Morgan Stanley has long-term relationships with a significant number of institutions and corporations and their advisors as well as certain Limited Partners. In determining whether to pursue a particular transaction on behalf of the Fund, these relationships will be considered by Morgan Stanley and there may be certain potential transactions that will or will not be pursued on behalf of the Fund in view of such relationships.

In addition, Morgan Stanley could provide investment banking services to competitors of companies in which the Fund invests, in which case it will take appropriate steps to safeguard the confidential information of each investment banking client. Morgan Stanley is under no obligation

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to share and, in fact, may be prohibited by applicable law, from sharing any confidential or material non-public information with the Fund or the Adviser. Such activities may present Morgan Stanley with a conflict of interest vis-à-vis the Fund's portfolio companies and may also result in a conflict with respect to the allocation of investment banking resources to portfolio companies. Alternatively, any material non-public information about a potential investment or portfolio company in which Morgan Stanley comes into possession may preclude the Fund from pursuing an investment or exit opportunity with respect to such portfolio company or investment.

Morgan Stanley may also be engaged to act as financial advisor to financially troubled companies in which the Fund holds an investment. Morgan Stanley's compensation for such activities is generally based upon the successful completion of a restructuring which may include raising funds for the purchase, exchange or restructuring of existing securities or loans or for an equity infusion. In such case, certain conflicts of interest would be inherent in the situation including those involved in valuing the company.

- Other Limited Partnership Investment Vehicles or Funds

- General; Carried Interests

The Adviser is the manager of the Fund and serves as the managing member of the Fund. The Adviser and/or certain related persons have and may continue to organize other partnerships and serve as the manager, general partner, or the managing member or general partner of the general partner, to these partnerships. In organizing these partnerships, the Adviser or a related person may be deemed to have been or to be soliciting investors.

The General Partner's carried interest may create an incentive for it to make more speculative investments for the Fund than it would otherwise make in the absence of such performance-based distributions. Furthermore, investments made with third parties in joint ventures or other entities may involve carried interests and/or other fees payable to such third party partners of co-investors, which could also create an incentive for such parties to take risks with respect to such investments. In addition, the method of calculating the carried interest may result in conflicts of interest between the General Partner, on the one hand, and the investors, on the other hand, with respect to the management and disposition of investments. For example, the General Partner will value any securities being distributed in-kind to investors in order to calculate the carried interest. If the valuations conducted by the General Partner are incorrect, the amount of payment of its carried interest could be incorrect.

- Morgan Stanley Investments and Affiliated Investment Accounts

Morgan Stanley may advise clients and has sponsored, managed or advised other alternative investment funds and investment programs, accounts and businesses (collectively, together with any new or successor funds, programs, accounts or businesses, the "Affiliated Investment Accounts") that have or will have active investment programs that are substantially similar to those of the Fund. Morgan Stanley may also from time to time create new or successor Affiliated

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Investment Accounts that may compete with the Fund and may present similar conflicts of interest. Certain members of the Fund's investment team and the investment committee may make investment decisions on behalf of both Morgan Stanley and such Affiliated Investment Accounts, including Affiliated Investment Accounts with investment objectives that overlap with those of the Fund. In addition, certain Affiliated Investment Accounts may make investments similar to those that may be made by the Fund even if they are not solely focused on such investments.

Morgan Stanley related persons (including Morgan Stanley's trading and principal investing businesses) will have no obligation to offer to the Fund investment opportunities that are excluded from any otherwise existing contractual obligation. In such situations, a Morgan Stanley related person may pursue and make the investment for its own account. When deciding how to allocate such opportunities, Morgan Stanley will exercise its discretion and may consider its own financial interests or the interests of other clients or affiliates of Morgan Stanley ahead of those of the Fund.

In some cases, Morgan Stanley or an Affiliated Investment Account may invite the Fund to co-invest with it or the General Partner may invite Morgan Stanley or an Affiliated Investment Account to co-invest with the Fund, in either the same or different tiers of a portfolio company's capital structure or in an affiliate of such portfolio company. To the extent the Fund holds investments in the same portfolio company or in an affiliate thereof that are different (including with respect to their relative seniority) than those held by Morgan Stanley or an Affiliated Investment Account, the Adviser and Morgan Stanley may be presented with decisions when the interests of the two co-investors are in conflict. See also "Allocation of Co-Investment Opportunities" in Item 11 below for additional information on the allocation of co-investment opportunities.

- Other Morgan Stanley Investment Management Activities

Morgan Stanley and its affiliates invest, on behalf of themselves, in securities and other instruments that would be appropriate for, are held by, or may fall within the investment guidelines of a client. In connection with these activities, Morgan Stanley may also take actions for its own accounts that may differ from, conflict with, or be adverse to, advice given to or action taken for clients. These activities may adversely affect the prices and availability of other securities or instruments held by or potentially considered for, one or more clients and/or the Fund.

Morgan Stanley, through its affiliates, invests in many of the private investment funds for its own account where Morgan Stanley affiliates act as an investment adviser and/or general partner. In addition, Morgan Stanley may receive performance based compensation or benefit from a "carried interest" which is tied to the investment performance of such private investment funds. Morgan Stanley may engage in a variety of transactions, including entering into derivatives contracts, to limit its exposure to the risk of such investments. For example, Morgan Stanley may choose to hedge exposures (currency, interest rate, equities or commodities) arising from its investments in, or exposure to, through performance based fees or carried interest, such private investment

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funds. These hedging activities may be inconsistent with the investment or hedging activities undertaken by Morgan Stanley affiliates acting as general partner and/or adviser to such private investment funds.

As a result of, and taking into account, such hedging, the performance of investors in such private investment funds who do not engage in hedging on their own may differ materially from those investors (including Morgan Stanley) who do engage in such activities. In addition, such activities may diminish the alignment of interest between Morgan Stanley and a particular private investment fund's investors.

- Management Persons

Officers and employees supporting the Adviser may also serve as directors of certain portfolio companies and, in that capacity, will be required to make decisions that they consider to be in the best interest of the portfolio company, which in certain circumstances may not be in the best interests of the Fund. Companies with which one or more members of the investment team or other employees of Morgan Stanley are involved may also engage in transactions that would be suitable for the Fund, but in which the Fund might be unable to invest. Accordingly, in these situations, there may be conflicts of interests between such person's duties as an officer or employee of the Adviser and such person's duties as a director of the portfolio company.

Certain of the Adviser's management persons may also hold positions with the affiliates listed above. In these positions, those management persons of the Adviser may have some responsibility with respect to the business of these affiliates and the compensation of these management persons may be based, in part, upon the profitability of other affiliates. Additionally, these management persons may come into possession of confidential non-public information and may be recused from certain investment-related discussions, including investment committee meetings, so that such members do not receive information that would limit their ability to perform functions of their employment with Morgan Stanley unrelated to the Fund. Consequently, in carrying out their roles with the Adviser or the Fund and these other entities, the management persons of the Adviser may be subject to the same or similar conflicts of interest that exist between the Adviser and these affiliates.

## **Conflict Identification and Mitigation**

Morgan Stanley and the Adviser have established procedures intended to identify and mitigate conflicts of interest related to business activities on a worldwide basis. A conflict management officer for each business unit and/or region acts as a focal point to identify and address potential conflicts of interest in their business area. When appropriate, there is an escalation process to senior management within the business unit, and ultimately if necessary to Firm management or the Firm's conflict and franchise committees, for potentially significant conflicts that cannot be resolved in the ordinary course or that otherwise require senior management review. In addition, the Adviser addresses conflicts through disclosure to its investors and should any transactions that present a potential conflict of interest actually arise, the Adviser may in certain situations choose to seek the approval of the investors, limited partners

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and/or advisory committee for the respective fund with respect to conflicts of interest or approvals required under the Advisers Act, including Section 206(3) and/or the relevant partnership agreement. The Adviser may also choose to seek the approval of Limited Partners of the Fund with respect to certain conflict situations or matters under the Advisers Act.

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## **Item 11 – Code of Ethics, Participation or Interest in Client Transactions and Personal Trading**

The Adviser has adopted a Code of Ethics (the “Code”) pursuant to Rule 204A-1 under the Advisers Act, applicable to persons who are supervised by the Adviser or support the Adviser in providing investment advice to the Fund and its General Partner or, and who have access to non-public information regarding the purchase or sale of securities, or who make securities recommendations to the Fund or its General Partner, or who have access to such recommendations that are non-public (“Access Persons”). Each Access Person is required to acknowledge the Code at the inception of his/her employment and annually thereafter. The Code is designed to make certain that all acts, practices and courses of business engaged in by Access Persons are conducted in accordance with the highest possible standards and to prevent abuse, or even the appearance of abuse, by Access Persons with respect to their personal trading and other business activities.

The Code addresses the personal trading and investment activities of Access Persons, as more fully described below. In addition, the Code addresses standards of business conduct and fiduciary duties expected of Access Persons, including confidentiality obligations and restrictions on outside business activities and other conflicts of interest.

Violations of the Code are subject to sanction, including reprimand, demotion, suspension or termination of employment.

Copies of the Code are available upon request from the Adviser.

### **Personal Trading and Investments**

The Code refers to a number of policies governing the securities trading and investing activities of employees for their own accounts. Such policies require all Access Persons to pre-clear trades for covered securities, as defined under the policies, in a personal account. A pre-clearance request will be denied if such securities are under consideration for investment, or have been acquired by, a client of the Adviser, or if the Adviser is in receipt of material non-public information of the company or if another conflict exists. Such policies also impose holding periods and reporting requirements for covered securities. In addition, investments in private placements or an employee’s participation in an outside business activity must be pre-approved by the employee’s designated manager and the Chief Compliance Officer.

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

We recommend that current or prospective investors invest in our Funds. Prior to subscribing for interests in the Fund, investors received information relating to potential conflicts of interest between the activities of the Fund and the business activities of the Adviser, and its affiliates, or clients that may have a financial interest in the securities in which the Fund invests.

On rare occasions, the Fund may sell a security or asset which another fund, or an affiliate of the Adviser, wants to own. On these occasions, after extensive Firm and legal and compliance review and documentation, a sale of the security or asset from one fund to another may be permitted.

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The Adviser may purchase and sell public and private investments and co-invest the assets of the clients alongside other funds and accounts managed by the Adviser or its affiliates in compliance with the requirements and conditions of rules, regulations, orders, or interpretations of the SEC, or no-action letters of the SEC Staff, and in accordance with fund and client account governing documents.

### **Allocation of Investment Opportunities**

The Adviser has a governance process in place to ensure that each client is treated in a fair and equitable manner. The following factors will be considered, as appropriate, in connection with allocation decisions:

- Rights of first offer in favor of a client
- Investment guidelines, goals or restrictions of the client
- Capacity of the client
- Existing allocation to similar strategies and the diversification objectives of the client
- Tax, legal or regulatory considerations
- With respect to co-investment allocations, whether the co-investor can provide value add to the operations of the business or provide future opportunities to the business of the client (see also “Allocation of Co-Investment Opportunities” below)
- Other relevant business considerations

### **Allocation of Co-Investment Opportunities**

The General Partner may offer co-investment opportunities with respect to none, some or all of the Fund’s investments. In the event that the General Partner offers co-investment opportunities, such opportunities will be offered pursuant to the terms of the Partnership Agreement. With respect to the Fund, certain investors may have priority rights (but not obligations) to participate in co-investment opportunities, subject to the terms and conditions of the Partnership Agreement, subscription agreement, side letter agreement or other agreement setting forth such priority rights. After the allocation of co-investment opportunities to such investors with priority rights to co-investment opportunities (if any), the General Partner may allocate the remainder (if any) of co-investment opportunities among interested parties in its sole discretion including for example, on the basis of the size of investor commitments to the Fund and other Affiliated Investment Accounts as well as a broad range of other considerations, including, commercial considerations for the applicable portfolio investment, a Limited Partner’s stated desire to participate in co-investments, the General Partner’s determination of the appropriateness of offering a co-investment opportunity, an investor’s ability to execute such offer and the approval of transaction counterparties. There can be no assurances with respect to the amount of any co-investment opportunity that will be made available to a Limited Partner, and there is no guarantee, prediction or projection of the



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availability to a Limited Partner of future co-investment opportunities.

Investing in the Fund does not entitle a Limited Partner to allocations of co-investment opportunities. Co-investment opportunities may, and typically will, be offered to some and not other investors or to third parties (including affiliates of Morgan Stanley) who are not investors in the Fund. In addition, subject to the foregoing priority rights (if applicable), an investor may be offered fewer co-investment opportunities than investors with the same or smaller capital commitments in the Fund and other Affiliated Investment Accounts, and some investors may receive no such offers while other investors with capital commitments of the same or lower amount may receive substantial offers for such opportunities. Limited Partners are not required to participate in co-investments offered by a General Partner. The actual number of co-investment opportunities made available to Limited Partners may be significantly higher or lower than those made available in connection with other Affiliated Investment Accounts.

Please refer to Item 10 for a description of other financial industry activities and affiliations of Morgan Stanley, and a discussion of the material conflicts relating thereto.

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## **Item 12 – Brokerage Practices**

Due to the nature of the investments the Fund makes, broker-dealers are not generally used for transactions. However, when executing transactions on behalf of the Fund through a broker, dealer or underwriter, the Adviser's objective will be to obtain "best execution" (that is, the most favorable price and execution). The Adviser's effort to obtain best execution on any individual transaction depends substantially on its judgment, knowledge and experience in evaluating the counterparties', advisers' and service providers' ("Counterparties") reliability and capability based on previous and pending transactions effected by the broker-dealer for client accounts. Some of the factors considered by the Adviser in selecting a Counterparty include, among other things, execution quality and capabilities, including with regard to market making, commissions charged by and gross compensation paid to such Counterparty, and special knowledge of the Adviser's client's markets.

The Adviser will only consider engaging in a principal or cross transaction with Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC or its affiliates on behalf of the Fund or client to the extent permitted by applicable law.

A broker-dealer (including a Morgan Stanley affiliate) may act as agent for one or more clients in selling publicly traded securities simultaneously. In such a situation, transactions may, but are not required to, be bundled and clients will receive proceeds from sales based on average prices received, which may be lower than the price which could have been received had each client sold its securities separately from such broker-dealer's other clients.

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**Item 13 – Review of Accounts**

The General Partner's investment committee reviews and approves all significant investment decisions. The members of the General Partner's investment committee are identified in the Supplements to the Adviser's Brochure in Form ADV Part 2B.

The investments made by the Fund are generally private, illiquid and long-term in nature. Accordingly, the review process is not directed toward a short term decision to dispose of securities. However, the Adviser's portfolio management staff closely monitors companies and assets in which the Fund invests and generally maintains an ongoing oversight position in such companies and assets (including, where relevant, representation on the board of directors of such companies). Reviews occur on a quarterly and (in some cases) monthly basis.

The Adviser provides quarterly unaudited reports and annual audited reports to the Limited Partners of the Fund, which include, among other things, financial statements.

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**Item 14 – Client Referrals and Other Compensation**

The Adviser may have from time to time compensated placement agents (which may include certain of its affiliates) in return for referrals of Limited Partners. Any additional compensation paid specifically for such referrals will meet the requirements of Rule 206(4)-3 under the Advisers Act, if applicable.

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**Item 15 – Custody**

The Adviser is deemed to have custody of the Fund's cash and securities by virtue of its relationship with the General Partner of the Fund. Each Limited Partner receives the Fund's audited financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles within 120 days of the end of the Fund's fiscal year.

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## **Item 16 – Investment Discretion**

As the manager of the Fund, the Adviser has discretion to recommend to the General Partner, without consent of the Fund's investors, the particular securities to be bought and sold, the broker or dealer (including a Morgan Stanley affiliate) to be used (if any) and the commission rates to be paid by the Fund in cases where a broker or dealer is used. The Adviser will provide investment advice to the Fund, subject to certain investment limitations regarding diversification and type of permitted investments as set forth in the Partnership Agreement. When executing transactions on behalf of the Fund through a broker, dealer or underwriter, the Adviser's objective will be to obtain the most favorable commission and the best price available on each transaction in light of the quality of execution provided. Consequently, brokers, dealers and underwriters are selected primarily on the basis of their execution, capability and trading expertise.

The Adviser generally receives discretionary authority from the Fund at the outset of an advisory relationship to select the identity and amount of securities to be bought or sold. Such authority is provided in the Adviser's advisory contract with the Fund and/or under the terms of the Partnership Agreement of the Fund. In all cases, however, such discretion is to be exercised in a manner consistent with the stated investment objectives for the Fund. When selecting securities and determining amounts, the Adviser observes the investment policies, limitations and restrictions of the Fund.

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## **Item 17 – Voting Client Securities**

Where the Adviser has accepted authority to vote proxies on behalf of a client, the Adviser will vote proxies in accordance with its policies and procedures in place for voting of proxies (the “Proxy Voting Policy”), which are designed to ensure compliance with Rule 206(4)-6 of the Advisers Act. Copies of the Proxy Voting Policy are available upon request from the Adviser. Under the Proxy Voting Policy, the Adviser will vote proxies on behalf of the clients based on a determination of the best interest of the clients, consistent with the objective of maximizing long term investment returns for the clients.

In many situations, a client is a party to a stockholder or a similar agreement. These agreements are entered into in the best interests of the clients, and may require the Adviser to vote the other investors’ nominees to a board of directors or similar body, or require a vote in favor of a particular transaction. If this is the case, the Adviser will comply with the applicable clients’ contractual obligations.

Where no contract requires a client to vote for a specific outcome, the Proxy Voting Policy is designed to be responsive to the wide range of issues that may be subject to proxy vote, but is not exhaustive due to the variety of proxy voting issues that the Adviser may be required to consider.

The clients generally make a limited number of direct investments in portfolio companies that will become or are public. As a result, the Adviser will generally cast proxy votes on behalf of the clients with respect to a limited number of public portfolio companies.

The Adviser reserves the right to depart from the Proxy Voting Policy in order to avoid voting decisions that it believes may be contrary to the clients’ best interests. In addition, the Adviser may also abstain from voting if, based on factors such as expense or difficulty of exercise, it determines that the client’s interests are better served by an abstention.

The Adviser may be subject to conflicts of interest in the voting of proxies. A potential conflict of interest may occur where the Adviser or any of its affiliates or their respective employees has a direct or indirect economic stake in the outcome of a proxy vote that is different from a client’s stake. When such a potential conflict arises between the Adviser and any of its affiliates or their respective employees on the one hand and one or more of the clients on the other, the matter is evaluated to determine whether an actual conflict exists. Where an actual conflict exists, the Adviser will take necessary and appropriate steps to address the conflict.

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## **Item 18 – Financial Information**

Registered investment advisers are required in this Item to provide you with certain financial information or disclosure about the Adviser's financial condition. The Adviser is not aware of any financial condition that impairs its ability to meet contractual and fiduciary commitments to clients, and has not been the subject of a bankruptcy proceeding.