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**This brochure provides information about the qualifications and business practices of Calvert Street Capital Partners, Inc. If you have any questions about the contents of this brochure, please contact us at (443) 573-3700 or [dsomers@cscp.com](mailto:dsomers@cscp.com). The information in this brochure has not been approved or verified by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) or by any state securities authority.**

**Additional information about Calvert Street Capital Partners, Inc. is available on the SEC’s website at [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov).**

**Being a “registered investment adviser” or describing ourselves as being “registered” does not imply a certain level of skill or training.**

**THIS BROCHURE SHALL NOT CONSTITUTE AN OFFER TO SELL OR THE  
SOLICITATION OF ANY OFFER TO BUY ANY SECURITY.**

## **ITEM 2. MATERIAL CHANGES**

This brochure is intended to provide potential and existing clients with an overview of Calvert Street Capital Partners, Inc. (“CSCP”). It also contains important disclosures regarding items such as certain practices of CSCP, potential material conflicts that may arise and key potential investment risks.

The following is a discussion of material changes to CSCP’s Brochure since the last annual update filed on March 30, 2022:

**Item 4 Advisory Business** was updated to include two new private fund advisory clients, ACUS InvestCo, LLC and TS InvestCo, LLC.

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**ITEM 4. ADVISORY BUSINESS**

Calvert Street Capital Partners, Inc. (“**CSCP**”), a Maryland corporation, is an adviser to private funds and was organized on May 10, 1995. Joshua Hall and Brian Mahoney founded CSCP originally as Legg Mason Merchant Banking, Inc., an affiliate of Legg Mason, Inc., and purchased the business from Legg Mason, Inc. on December 31, 2003. In June 2014, Mr. Mahoney withdrew from an active role at CSCP and ceased participating in fundraising and investment activity, and Mr. Hall became the sole owner of CSCP. In August 2015, Mr. Hall transferred a portion of his ownership interest in CSCP to each of Brian Guerin, Michael Booth and Andrew John.

PCI Capital Management, LLC (“**PCI**”), a Delaware limited liability company that was organized on August 7, 2014, is a relying adviser under CSCP’s SEC registration and an investment adviser to a private fund. References hereinafter to CSCP are meant to include PCI.

CSCP’s clients are private funds, as well as certain subsidiaries established by the funds to pursue the strategies described herein. Affiliates of CSCP serve as the general partners or managing members of each fund advised by CSCP.

CSCP’s advisory services generally focus on lower middle market companies in North America. CSCP advises funds with respect to the acquisition, management and disposition of investments. The services that CSCP provides to funds are based on and tailored to each fund’s specific investment needs and goals. Each fund’s partnership or limited liability company agreement sets forth certain investment limitations, including restrictions on investing in certain securities or types of securities. CSCP looks for investments that meet the stated objectives, strategy and investment guidelines of each fund. CSCP supervises the entire investment process and monitors the performance of each investment held by its fund clients. All investment decisions on behalf of the funds advised by CSCP are made by the applicable general partner or managing member of each fund and, if applicable, a dedicated investment committee established for each fund.

Currently, CSCP advises the following private funds: (i) Legg Mason Capital Partners II-A, L.P. and Legg Mason Capital Partners II-B, L.P. (collectively “**LMCP II**”), (ii) ACUS InvestCo, LLC (“**ACUS**”), (iii) TS InvestCo, LLC (“**TS**”), (iv) Abrasive-Form Partners, L.P. (“**AFP**”), (v) HT InvestCo, LLC and HT InvestCo (Parallel), LLC (collectively, “**HTI**”), (vi) TDS InvestCo, LLC (“**TDS**”), (vii) HILP-L InvestCo, LLC, HILP-C InvestCo, LLC, and HILP Blocker, LLC (collectively, “**HILP**”), (viii) TNS InvestCo, LLC and TNS Splitter, LLC (collectively, “**TNS**”), (ix) MSI InvestCo, LLC (“**MSI**”), (x) TNS Splitter II, LLC (“**Splitter II**”), (xi) UTD InvestCo, LLC and UTD OZ InvestCo, LLC (collectively, “**UTD**,” and together with TNS, HILP, TDS, HTI, AFP, ACUS, TS, LMCP II, MSI and Splitter II the “**Equity Funds**”), and (xii) PCI II, LP (the “**Mezzanine Fund**”). The Mezzanine Fund and the Equity Funds are together referred to hereinafter as the “**Funds**.” The investment periods of AFP and LMCP II have expired and these funds are in the process of liquidating their investments.

The investment objective of the Equity Funds is to provide investors with the opportunity to realize substantial appreciation in the form of long-term capital gains and, in certain instances, current income (dividends and/or interest), by making control or significant minority equity investments in lower middle market companies that offer significant growth potential. In advising the Equity Funds, CSCP consistently employs a structured investment process, through which CSCP: (i)

identifies profitable, often undermanaged companies, (ii) conducts rigorous due diligence, (iii) builds the infrastructure of the company through improvements to the management team and information systems, (iv) undertakes aggressive growth initiatives both organically and through complementary acquisitions and (v) generally exits investments in a negotiated sale transaction.

The investment objective of the Mezzanine Fund is to provide investors with current income plus capital appreciation through investing in a portfolio of mezzanine securities (typically subordinated debt and equity interests) of established, profitable, small to mid-sized manufacturing and service companies in the United States. In advising the Mezzanine Fund, CSCP utilizes a collaborative approach to investing, focusing on fundamental credit analysis and rigorous due diligence. The Mezzanine Fund uses leverage provided by the SBA (typically equal to up to two times the amount of committed capital).

CSCP currently does not provide investment advisory services to clients apart from the Funds and their affiliated entities, although it and/or one or more affiliates may do so in the future.

As of December 31, 2022, CSCP had approximately \$352.8 million in assets under management, all managed on a discretionary basis.

## **ITEM 5. FEES AND COMPENSATION**

CSCP generally receives carried interest from the Funds and other fees from the Funds' portfolio companies. CSCP also receives management fees from certain Funds. The Funds and the Funds' portfolio companies also bear certain out-of-pocket expenses incurred by CSCP in connection with the services provided to these parties. The following sections discuss the fees and expenses that are generally borne by the Funds and/or the Funds' portfolio companies in more detail.

### **Management Fees**

CSCP receives a management fee paid by some of the Funds it advises (the "**Management Fee**"). During a Fund's investment period, the Management Fee can typically range from 0% to 2.0% per annum of either (i) the Fund's committed capital or (ii) the Fund's committed capital plus SBA leverage equal to two times committed capital. After the end of a Fund's investment period, the Management Fee can typically range from 0% to 2.0% per annum of the cost of unrealized investments until expiration of the Fund. Because CSCP and the Funds advised by CSCP are related to one another, there is no independent person who negotiates CSCP's advisory fees. The specific fee arrangements for each Fund are described in the applicable Fund's offering and governing documents.

Management Fees are typically paid quarterly, either in advance or in arrears. The exact payment terms relating to CSCP's Management Fee will be set forth in each Fund's partnership or limited liability company agreement and/or the management agreement related to that Fund. CSCP typically deducts the Management Fees owed by each Fund from the assets of the applicable Fund (which can include capital called or distributable proceeds). In the event of an early termination of a Fund's management agreement, CSCP will refund any overpayment of fees to the Fund on a pro rata basis.

**Performance Based Fees (Carried Interest)**

Affiliates of CSCP (i.e., the general partner or managing member of each Fund) are generally entitled to receive distributions from each Fund, in the range of 0% to 20% of the applicable profits after capital contributions have been returned to investors in the Fund and the Fund's investors have received the contractual preferred return on their capital contributions in accordance with the terms of the applicable partnership or limited liability company agreement. This share of profits is often referred to as a carried interest. CSCP distributes the carried interest to the general partner or managing member of the applicable Fund in accordance with the terms of the applicable partnership or limited liability company agreement. The carried interest is considered performance-based compensation which benefits CSCP through distributions to the general partner or managing member of the applicable fund.

**Monitoring, Consulting and Financing Fees and Out-of-Pocket Expenses**

The Funds indirectly incur or generate other fees payable to CSCP as CSCP generally enters into arrangements with portfolio companies pursuant to which such companies pay monitoring, consulting and/or financing fees. When there is a Management Fee charged to a Fund, receipt of monitoring, consulting and/or financing fees by CSCP typically results in a reduction in the Management Fee otherwise payable to CSCP by such Fund (unless otherwise agreed with the investors in such Fund), the terms of which are defined in the applicable partnership or limited liability company agreement.

Monitoring fees are monthly or quarterly fees paid to CSCP for providing general supervisory and business planning services to portfolio companies owned by the Funds. These services generally include members of CSCP's professional staff:

- Serving on the board of directors for the portfolio company;
- Assisting in the ongoing recruitment and evaluation of senior management;
- Providing guidance in the preparation and approval of annual budgets;
- Approving major capital expenditures;
- Monitoring progress in fulfillment of the business plan and communicating such to the company's lenders and investors; and
- Providing audit oversight and assuring the integrity of financial reporting and internal controls.

Consulting fees are one-time fees paid to CSCP in connection with additional services provided by CSCP to support an investment or disposition made by the Funds or the portfolio companies. These services include, but are not limited to, members of CSCP's professional staff:

- Coordinating the due diligence process (including market, business, customer, financial / tax, IT / systems, environmental and legal matters) of acquisition candidates;
- Developing and implementing strategic plans;
- Developing and implementing management ownership and transition plans;
- Developing and/or enhancing management and financial reporting systems;
- Pre- and post-transaction integration planning and implementation;

- Preparing and negotiating the documentation in respect of working capital and other post-closing adjustments;
- Drafting and reviewing disclosure schedules;
- Coordinating the closing (including funds flow, sources and uses statement, and wire instructions); and
- Serving as the selling shareholder representative.

Financing fees are one-time fees paid to CSCP in connection with the Mezzanine Fund providing financing to a new portfolio company. These financing fees are applied as an offset to (or reduction in) the management fee charged to the Mezzanine Fund.

CSCP has a conflict of interest to the extent that it has an opportunity to earn a fee from a portfolio company owned by a Fund. This conflict is more pronounced in cases in which CSCP is paid a fee which will not be fully offset against Management Fees, including in respect of portfolio companies owned by Funds that do not pay Management Fees. However, CSCP only charges Monitoring, Consulting and/or Financing fees that are permitted in the respective Fund's partnership or limited liability company agreement. CSCP also believes that the substantial equity commitment, including carried interest, by CSCP and its affiliates and the other independent owners and board members of the portfolio companies further mitigates this conflict.

The portfolio companies also pay out-of-pocket expenses in connection with providing the services described above. The out-of-pocket expenses are principally travel, lodging, meals and incidental expenses of CSCP personnel operating under these agreements, but can also include the costs of advisors, consultants and/or other diligence providers that are engaged by CSCP on behalf of the portfolio companies.

### **Organizational Expenses**

Each Fund generally pays all legal, accounting, filing, travel and other expenses incurred by CSCP or an affiliate of CSCP in connection with organizing such Fund, not to exceed certain specified amounts set forth in the Fund's partnership or limited liability company agreement or in the management agreement.

### **Other Expenses**

The Funds also typically pay for other costs and expenses as set forth in each Fund's partnership or limited liability company agreement or management agreement. Some of the types of costs and expenses that are paid by the Funds include (i) reasonable out-of-pocket costs and expenses (to the extent not reimbursed by portfolio companies) incurred by CSCP, the general partner or managing member, their affiliates, or third parties working on behalf of CSCP and the general partner or managing member, in relation to pursuing, investigating, diligencing, analyzing, administering, developing, negotiating, structuring, making, acquiring, monitoring, holding and disposing of Fund assets, including (but not limited to) any out-of-pocket travel, meals, lodging and incidental expenses, financing (e.g., structuring and commitment fees and expense reimbursement to financing sources or potential financing sources), legal, accounting, tax, environmental, industry, operating, management and other consulting fees and expenses and termination fees in connection therewith, including the foregoing expenses related to potential future acquisition targets evaluated

for purchase by the portfolio companies or Fund or dispositions that are not consummated; (ii) reasonable and customary administrative expenses of the Funds incurred in the ordinary course, including the cost of the preparation of the annual audits, financial statements and tax returns and tax reports required for the Funds or investors in such Funds, cash management expenses and routine legal and accounting expenses, and including costs and expenses relating to filings with regulatory bodies (including in local and foreign jurisdictions) and the associated regulatory expenses of the general partner or managing member related to performance of its duties to the Funds; (iii) reasonable appraisal and valuation expenses; (iv) reasonable brokerage commissions, registration fees and expenses, custodial expenses and other investment costs (to the extent not reimbursed by portfolio companies) incurred in connection with Fund investments; (v) reasonable fees, costs and expenses, including interest, arising out of all borrowings made by the Funds, including, but not limited to, the arranging thereof; (vi) reasonable out-of-pocket costs of any litigation, D&O insurance and other types of insurance, indemnification or extraordinary expense or liability relating to the affairs of the Funds and the general partner or managing member; (vii) reasonable expenses in connection with the dissolution, winding up or termination of the Funds; (viii) registration expenses and any taxes, fees or other governmental charges levied against the Funds and all expenses incurred in connection with any tax audit, investigation, settlement or review of the Funds; (ix) reasonable expenses of the advisory committees (including any advisors thereto) and meetings of the investors in the Funds; (x) reasonable expenses incurred in connection with the preparation of the Fund's quarterly and annual financial statements and reports, tax returns and K-1's or similar schedules; (xi) reasonable fees and disbursements of attorneys, consultants, accountants, fund administrators, service providers and any other professionals relating to Fund matters; (xii) any insurance premiums or expenses incurred by the Fund in connection with the activities of the Fund, including errors and omissions, fidelity, general partner liability, fiduciary, directors' and officers' liability and similar coverage; (xiii) reasonable expenses related to or arising from defaults by investors in such Funds in the payment of capital contributions; (xiv) reasonable expenses incurred in connection with distributions to investors in such Funds; (xv) reasonable expenses incurred in connection with any amendments, modifications, revisions or restatements to the documents of the Funds or related entities; (xvi) post-closing obligations under agreements relating to the disposition of Fund assets including indemnification obligations and purchase price adjustment obligations; (xvii) reasonably documented out-of-pocket legal expenses incurred by certain investors in connection with their direct or indirect investment in the Funds; and (xviii) any other costs, fees or expenses as may be agreed upon by the general partner or managing member in such Fund and a majority in interest of the investors in such Fund.

### **Operating Consultants**

CSCP sometimes utilizes the resources of operating and/or industry consultants in order to improve the financial, administrative and/or operational performance of a Fund's portfolio company and to assist in due diligence of acquisition candidates. Such operating and/or industry consultants are not employees of CSCP but, in some instances, have contracts with CSCP with established standard billing rates and per diems. Industry consultants who assist with due diligence are also, in some instances, asked to join the board of directors or management team of the respective portfolio company post-acquisition and receive board fees or other compensation from the portfolio company. The use of CSCP operating and/or industry consultants on projects related to existing portfolio companies (already owned by the Funds) must be approved by the CEO of the



respective portfolio company. These projects are typically clearly defined and limited in scope. Expenses incurred related to these projects are paid by the applicable portfolio company.

CSCP will also use operating and/or industry consultants when evaluating potential platform companies and industry sectors. Fees payable to these consultants are sometimes charged to CSCP; however, when these consultants work on specific deals and receive transaction-related fees, the fees are typically borne by the respective Fund and/or its respective portfolio companies. The applicable Fund documents outline the instances when these pre-acquisition consulting costs are paid for by the applicable Fund. Additionally, these third-party consultants are not full-time employees or owners of CSCP, nor are they included as CSCP personnel on the CSCP website. Fees paid to these consultants by the Funds or their portfolio companies do not constitute Monitoring or Consulting Fees and do not result in a deduction of the management fee, as applicable, payable to CSCP by the Funds.

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

The carried interest payments that are generally allocated to the general partners or managing members of the Funds advised by CSCP are performance-based. See Item 5 (Fees and Compensation) above. The general partners or managing members of the Funds advised by CSCP are affiliates of CSCP. A carried interest may give CSCP or the general partner or managing member of a Fund an incentive to take more risk or make more speculative investments than would otherwise be the case. CSCP addresses this potential conflict of interest by (i) recognizing its fiduciary duty owed to each Fund, and (ii) reviewing each Fund's objectives, strategies and investment guidelines against its recommendations.

#### **ITEM 7. TYPES OF CLIENTS**

CSCP's clients are private funds and their affiliated entities. See Item 4 (Advisory Business) which sets forth a list of CSCP's current fund clients. Affiliates of CSCP serve as the general partners or managing members of each Fund advised by CSCP. The investors in the Funds advised by CSCP typically (but not exclusively) include high net worth individuals and trusts and other family investment entities created by those individuals, institutions, insurance companies, pension funds, fund of funds and other corporate entities. CSCP does not currently manage separate accounts for individuals or institutional investors.

#### **ITEM 8. METHODS OF ANALYSIS, INVESTMENT STRATEGIES AND RISK OF LOSS**

##### ***Methods of Analysis and Investment Strategies***

CSCP advises the Funds primarily about making investments in securities of lower middle market companies in North America. Each Fund will have a specific strategy and investment focus that is described in the Fund's offering memorandum. Some Funds may have strategies similar to other Funds. The Fund's offering memorandum and/or partnership or limited liability company agreement may include specific guidelines or restrictions on investments. CSCP's role is to (i) find investment opportunities that fit the Fund's specific strategy, (ii) diligently investigate each investment's benefits and risks (called due diligence), (iii) make recommendations to each Fund whether to buy, hold or sell an investment, and (iv) monitor the performance of investments made.

CSCP will review its recommendations against any specific guidelines or restrictions on the Fund's investments.

## Equity Funds

Each Equity Fund advised by CSCP invests in a limited number (typically less than eight) of discreet, stand-alone companies (each a “**Platform Company**”) around which CSCP and each respective management team develops a growth strategy. Growth strategies often involve the acquisition of compatible businesses in the same industry (“**Add-On Companies**”), otherwise known as a buy and build strategy. CSCP's more recent Equity Funds have been single-strategy investment vehicles that are dedicated to one Platform Company and its Add-On Companies.

A description of CSCP's investment process as it relates to the identification, evaluation, and execution of its investment strategy is set forth below:

### 1. Sourcing Investment Opportunities

CSCP focuses its origination efforts on privately-owned businesses in the lower middle market that typically meet the following criteria:

- Companies with roughly \$10-\$100 million in revenue and approximately \$2-\$15 million of EBITDA
- Manufacturing and service companies in North America

In many cases, CSCP targets companies in fragmented industries in which rapid growth can be achieved through consolidation.

CSCP leverages the following sources to generate attractive investment opportunities:

*Thesis-Driven Investment Strategies.* CSCP's professionals conduct market research to identify attractive industries and then partner with industry advisors and buy-side search firms to explore investment themes, map markets and identify proprietary acquisition targets.

*The CSCP Network.* CSCP's investment professionals have developed a comprehensive network of intermediaries and other referral sources over the past 25 years to identify new investment opportunities for the Equity Funds. These sources include accountants, attorneys, lenders, investment bankers, business brokers, consultants, corporate development managers, former and current managers of past and present CSCP portfolio companies, and other professionals involved with or generally aware of merger and acquisition activity.

*Platform Company Referrals.* As a result of CSCP's buy and build investment strategy, a large percentage of the acquisitions completed by the Equity Funds are Add-On Companies to the limited number of Platform Companies in each Fund. CSCP utilizes the management teams and boards of directors of its portfolio companies to help identify these acquisition opportunities.

## 2. Due Diligence and Investment Structuring

### *Due Diligence*

Investment professionals of CSCP perform due diligence on each investment opportunity. Due diligence will vary depending on the type of investment but will usually include some or all of the following:

- Review of historical financial information
- Research and analysis of market information
- Research and review of competition and industry dynamics
- Review, preparation and/or analysis of financial projections
- Modeling to determine the company's ability to manage an economic downturn or other adverse event
- Interviews and background checks of company management
- Lien searches of company assets and real estate
- Review of material contracts and other company data
- Review of regulatory and environmental issues impacting the business
- On-site visits to company headquarters and other operational locations
- Review, preparation and/or analysis of business plans

The above is not an exhaustive list, nor does every item on the list apply to all investment opportunities. CSCP's investment professionals use their experience and expertise to review each investment opportunity in a diligent way. Although the investment professionals of CSCP are responsible for the scope and quality of due diligence, the assistance of outside professionals is regularly required. CSCP enlists the services of experienced accountants, consultants, attorneys, industry experts, other diligence providers and, in certain instances, experienced operating managers to assist in the due diligence process.

### *Investment Approval Process*

Potential investment opportunities are staffed with at least two CSCP investment professionals (the "**Deal Team**"). Deal Teams provide overviews of the diligence process together with an update on outstanding issues related to potential investment opportunities at CSCP's weekly meetings of all equity investment professionals and the relevant investment committees. In addition, Deal Teams prepare detailed memoranda on each potential investment opportunity for the investment committee of the applicable Fund. The applicable investment committee holds discussions regarding potential investments and may request additional information from the applicable Deal Team. Investment decisions are made by the members of the applicable investment committee.

### *Structuring*

CSCP typically structures acquisitions without the use of excessive third-party leverage. Equity Fund acquisitions may be financed using some or all of the following forms of debt financing: senior bank debt, mezzanine debt, seller financing and investor debt. CSCP evaluates the capital structure of each Equity Fund acquisition to determine the appropriate amount of debt and equity

financing given the underlying business characteristics and specific risks identified for the investment.

### **3. Monitoring Investments and Improvements to Portfolio Company's Management Information Systems and Management Team**

CSCP takes a hands-on approach to managing portfolio companies, which includes intense managerial involvement on a weekly, often daily, basis. CSCP typically controls the board of directors of the companies the Equity Funds acquire, although this is not always the case. Whether CSCP controls the board or is an influential minority investor, at least two of CSCP's investment professionals are typically represented on each portfolio company board. When applicable, CSCP also usually has representatives who serve on the board's audit and compensation committees. In most cases, CSCP also utilizes the services of knowledgeable industry executives, as appropriate, to sit on the boards of portfolio companies as a source of industry expertise.

In order to prepare for successful growth after the acquisition of each Platform Company, CSCP focuses on building the infrastructure of each company it acquires. This is accomplished by evaluating the capabilities and depth of each management team and making the requisite additions and replacements as necessary. In addition, CSCP helps its Platform Companies implement improvements to management information systems that provide timely and accurate information about the performance of various aspects of each company's operations. Management teams utilize this information to make informed decisions about the direction of the business relative to its business plan.

In addition, CSCP is actively involved in matters relating to the strategic planning and management of the Platform Companies. Their efforts typically include the following:

- Establishing incentive compensation programs for management and making periodic performance evaluations
- Providing guidance in the preparation and approval of annual budgets
- Approving major capital expenditures
- Monitoring progress in fulfillment of the business plan and communicating such to the company's lenders and investors
- Providing audit oversight and assuring the integrity of financial reporting and internal controls

### **4. Accelerated Growth Strategies**

Once the Platform Company is positioned to effectively manage more accelerated growth, CSCP encourages its management teams to execute on organic growth strategies that seek to materially improve shareholder value. In addition, in many instances CSCP and management will pursue the acquisition of Add-On Companies as a way to rapidly increase the critical mass of the business and improve value.

### **5. Exit Investments**

The objective of CSCP's investment strategy is to build larger, more professional businesses that are attractive to a wide range of prospective buyers. Dispositions may occur in a number of ways,

but most commonly occur through a negotiated sale of the company. The timing of the disposition of an investment by the Equity Funds depends upon the performance of the portfolio company, CSCP's judgment as to the value of the investment, and alternative disposition opportunities. CSCP considers these elements, together with factors such as the stage of the general economic cycle, the extent to which expected growth in earnings has been realized, and the future prospects of the company.

### **Mezzanine Funds**

The investment objective of a mezzanine fund is to provide investors with current income plus capital appreciation through investing in a portfolio of mezzanine securities (typically subordinated debt and equity interests) of established, profitable, small to mid-sized U.S. companies in a broad range of industries including manufacturing, distribution, consumer products, business and industrial services and healthcare. The primary criterion of this strategy is preservation of invested capital through in-depth credit analysis and rigorous due diligence.

Mezzanine fund investments generally support several different purposes:

- **Growth Capital:** This investment purpose typically covers either (i) a strategic acquisition; or (ii) a portfolio company's capital expenditures or working capital needs.
- **Leveraged Buy-Outs:** These transactions involve the acquisition of an existing business. The amount of leverage deployed depends upon the nature of the business acquired and the company's ability to meet debt service obligations.
- **Recapitalizations:** These transactions involve the retirement of a portfolio company's pre-existing debt or equity capital through an infusion of new debt and/or equity. These types of transactions are typically entered into in order to reduce the cost of capital, to remove restrictions placed on the portfolio company by the existing capital structure, to provide for ownership succession or to allow existing ownership to realize a portion of its investment.

A description of CSCP's investment process as it relates to Mezzanine Fund investments is set forth below:

#### **1. Sourcing Investment Opportunities**

CSCP leverages the following sources to generate attractive investment opportunities:

*Thesis-Driven Investment Strategies.* CSCP's equity professionals conduct market research to identify attractive industries and then partner with industry advisors and buy-side search firms to explore investment themes, map markets and identify proprietary acquisition targets. Occasionally these control equity searches uncover potential mezzanine or minority investment opportunities that are more appropriate for a mezzanine fund.

*The CSCP Network.* CSCP's investment professionals have developed a comprehensive network of intermediaries and other referral sources over the past 25 years to identify new investment opportunities for mezzanine funds. These sources include accountants, attorneys, lenders, investment bankers, business brokers, consultants, corporate development managers, other

mezzanine lenders, former and current managers of past and present CSCP portfolio companies, and other professionals involved with or generally aware of merger and acquisition activity.

*Small to Mid-Sized Sponsor Groups.* Due to tightening leverage multiples and more narrowly defined underwriting standards for traditional commercial banks, financial sponsors targeting small to mid-sized businesses seek mezzanine financing to support their control equity acquisitions. Without access to mezzanine financing, these private equity groups are forced to invest substantially more equity in transactions than they have historically. Mezzanine funds offer an additional source of capital for acquisition-related activities, and CSCP targets these funded and independent sponsor groups for investment opportunities.

## **2. Due Diligence and Investment Structuring**

### *Due Diligence*

Prior to any potential mezzanine investment, CSCP performs extensive credit analysis and a thorough assessment of each potential portfolio company. Investment professionals of CSCP perform due diligence on each investment opportunity. Due diligence will vary depending on the type of investment but will usually include some or all of the following:

- Review of historical financial information
- Research and analysis of market information
- Research and review of competition and industry dynamics
- Review, preparation and/or analysis of financial projections
- Modeling to determine the company's ability to manage an economic downturn or other adverse event
- Interviews and background checks of company management
- Lien searches of company assets and real estate
- Review of material contracts and other company data
- Review of regulatory and environmental issues impacting the business
- On-site visits to company headquarters and other operational locations
- Review, preparation and/or analysis of business plans

The above is not an exhaustive list, nor does every item on the list apply to all investment opportunities. CSCP's investment professionals use their experience and expertise to review each investment opportunity in a diligent way. Although the investment professionals of CSCP are responsible for the scope and quality of due diligence, the assistance of outside professionals is regularly required. CSCP enlists the services of experienced accountants, consultants, attorneys, industry experts, other diligence providers and, in certain instances, experienced operating managers to assist in the due diligence process. Mezzanine Fund investment decisions are made in a manner similar to the process utilized by the Equity Funds which is described above.

### *Structuring*

CSCP seeks to structure Mezzanine Fund investments to ensure capital preservation while offering attractive returns through a combination of current yield and capital gains. Generally, investments are negotiated and structured to incorporate reasonable business valuation multiples as well as

prudent capital structures. The perspective gained during the due diligence process helps finalize the actual structure of each investment. Appropriate covenants, financial and otherwise, are negotiated to provide access to necessary information, monitor performance and respond to any unfavorable developments. In addition, CSCP analyzes and assesses the terms of other creditors, particularly the senior debt holders, to ensure that the mezzanine investment is not unreasonably disadvantaged. With respect to the equity component of a mezzanine fund investment, CSCP, in most cases, pre-negotiates certain rights to facilitate an exit.

### **3. Monitoring Investments**

Close monitoring of financial performance and market developments for each mezzanine portfolio company is a critical element of the investment strategy and, ultimately, the exit of an investment. CSCP conducts on-going investment monitoring and evaluation of the portfolio. In general, CSCP obtains board seats or board observation rights for its portfolio companies and conducts monthly financial reviews and regular discussions with management. The active review of financial statements and compliance with covenants is designed to provide an early warning of financial difficulty and ensure CSCP can help influence the direction of a portfolio company, while at the same time providing information necessary to determine if legal remedies should be pursued.

### **4. Exit Investments**

An exit strategy for each investment is evaluated at the initial stage of investment and CSCP deliberately structures investments to maximize flexibility for an exit. Most of the investments have contractual maturities of five to eight years, and the investments are often redeemed in advance of scheduled maturity.

### ***Risk of Loss and Risk Factors***

Investing in securities involves risk of loss that clients should be prepared to bear.

There are certain risk factors that apply generally to the types of investment securities CSCP recommends to the Funds. There are also numerous risk factors that may apply to the specific investment program or strategy to be followed by a particular Fund. These general and specific risks are described in the offering memorandum or subscription document of the particular Fund. Some of the risk factors that apply generally to the Funds advised by CSCP are summarized below.

*General Risks of Investing in Private Companies.* There typically is little or no publicly available investment information about privately-held companies. The information that is available may be more limited or less reliable for small private companies than is typically the case for a larger private or public company. The due diligence investigation undertaken by CSCP may not uncover all material information about a private company necessary to make a fully-informed investment decision. In addition, the valuation of securities of privately-held companies is less certain than public companies and may be subject to substantial market variations. Such investments involve a high degree of business and financial risk that can result in substantial losses.

*General Risks of Investing in Equity Securities.* Any investment in equity securities is subject to risks. These risks include fluctuations in value due to issuer, political, market and economic developments. Fluctuations can be dramatic over the short or long term. Different parts of the

market and different types of equity securities can react differently to these developments. These developments can affect a single issuer, many issuers within an industry or economic sector or geographic region, or the market as a whole.

*General Risks of Investing in Mezzanine Securities.* Although mezzanine securities are typically senior to common stock or other equity securities, the debt securities in which the Mezzanine Fund invests can be unsecured and are subordinated to substantial amounts of senior debt, all or a significant portion of which may be secured. In addition, mezzanine securities may not be protected by all of the financial covenants typically protecting such senior debt. Holders of mezzanine debt generally are not entitled to receive any payments in bankruptcy or liquidation until senior creditors are paid in full. In addition, the remedies available to holders of mezzanine debt are normally limited by restrictions benefiting senior creditors. In the event any portfolio companies cannot generate adequate cash flow to meet senior debt service, a mezzanine fund may suffer a partial or total loss of capital invested.

*The Use of Leverage.* CSCP recommends investments in companies whose capital structure often includes third-party debt financing. Although intended to enhance the potential equity returns, this leverage could limit the portfolio company's ability to react to or withstand adverse economic, industrial or business conditions resulting in lower than expected equity returns or, in some cases, a loss of all or some portion of the Fund's investment in such portfolio company.

*Banking Risk.* The Funds use banks to custody investor funds and, in some cases, securities and the Funds' portfolio companies use banks for cash management, financing, and other services. The Funds and portfolio companies may be significantly exposed to individual banks if, for example, the Funds have custody relationships with a single bank or if a particular bank holds accounts for a number of portfolio companies. Recent events involving regional banks have demonstrated the risk of banks being undercapitalized, adversely affected by changes in interest rates and subject to runs on deposits. The failure of an individual bank may cause a Fund or portfolio company to be unable to withdraw deposits or draw on lines of credit or other borrowings, which could negatively impact a Fund's or portfolio company's operations and/or potentially result in losses to the Fund and portfolio companies. Banks are subject to regulation that may affect the scope of their activities, the prices they can charge, the amount of capital they must maintain, and, potentially, their size. Recent legislation has relaxed capital requirements and other regulatory burdens on certain banks, which may result in increased overall risk in the financial sector. Banks can also experience significant and rapid adverse effects via increases in interest rates and loan losses, decreases in the availability of money or written-down asset valuations, credit rating downgrades, and adverse conditions across related markets. Banks are exposed to the credit risk of their counterparties. Banks may have significant exposure to the same borrowers or counterparties, or may be perceived by the market as being subject to the same risks that a distressed bank may be experiencing. An adverse public perception of a bank's exposure, real or potential losses or liquidity may have a "contagion" effect and create risks for other banks and financial entities. Any "contagion" effects to other entities in the financial sector could negatively impact a Fund and/or cause losses to the Fund and its investors.

*Illiquidity.* A significant period of time may elapse between a Fund's making of an investment and the disposition of that investment. Accordingly, it is likely that a Fund's investors may realize no



significant return from any of such Fund's investments for at least several years and that it may be a significant number of years before all of the Fund's investments have been realized.

*Interest Rate Risk.* General interest rate fluctuations may have a substantial negative impact on a Fund's investments and investment opportunities and accordingly may have a material adverse effect on such Fund's investment objectives and the rate of return on invested capital. In addition, an increase in interest rates could make it more expensive to utilize leverage in making investments. A Fund's investment strategy and the availability of investment opportunities relies, in part, on the continuation of certain trends and conditions observed in the market for various financial instruments and the larger financial markets and, in some cases, the improvement of such conditions. Consequently, a Fund may not be capable of, or successful at, preserving the value of its assets, generating positive investment returns or effectively managing risks. No assurance can be given that such conditions, trends or opportunities will arise or continue, as applicable.

*Diversification.* Diversification of each Fund depends on the ultimate size of each Fund relative to the size of available opportunities. The Funds which CSCP advises often make only a limited number of investments, and poor performance by one investment could severely affect the total returns to the investors of such Fund. This is particularly true for the more recent single-strategy Equity Funds raised by CSCP which have only one portfolio company.

*Ability to Dispose of Investments.* General economic conditions, conditions within the financial markets and the condition of specific portfolio companies may be such that no opportunities exist for a Fund to sell its investments. The realization of investments made by Funds advised by CSCP could take many years and cannot be assured.

*Reliance on Management of Portfolio Companies.* Affiliates of CSCP are represented on the boards of directors of the Equity Funds' portfolio companies, and we seek to obtain at least board observation rights for the Mezzanine Fund portfolio companies. However, it is primarily the responsibility of the management of each portfolio company to operate such company on a day-to-day basis. There can be no assurance that a portfolio company's existing management team, or any new team, will be able to operate such company successfully.

*Unidentified Investments – Blind Pool.* Some of the Funds which CSCP advises are blind pools – meaning that the investments are not identified at the time of the Fund's offering. As a result, a prospective investor considering an investment in some Funds will not know or be able to evaluate investments to be made by the Fund prior to making an investment decision. Rather, the prospective investor must rely upon the ability of the Fund's general partner or managing member, based upon advice provided by CSCP, to select appropriate investments on behalf of the Fund. The criteria selected by CSCP for the selection and periodic assessment of Fund investments may not prove effective in identifying investments that will produce acceptable returns.

*Investments Alongside Other Entities, Including Affiliates of CSCP.* A Fund's investment in a portfolio company will be made alongside other persons, including third parties and/or affiliates of CSCP. Such investment may involve risks in connection with such third party or affiliated entity involvement, including the possibility that any such third party or related entity may have financial, legal, or regulatory interests or goals that are inconsistent with those of the Fund, may pursue interests inconsistent with those of the Fund, may default on their obligations, and/or may

be in a position to take (or block) action in a manner contrary to the Fund's interests. In addition, the Fund may in certain circumstances be liable for actions of its fellow investors in a company. The foregoing arrangements may involve performance charges, incentive compensation arrangements, and/or other fees and expenses payable to such third parties that are the responsibility of a portfolio company.

*Allocation of Expenses.* Each Fund is responsible for all costs and expenses in connection with its operation, other than the costs and expenses that will be the responsibility of its general partner or managing member, CSCP or other third parties. To the extent possible, third-party expenses incurred in connection with consummated transactions will be borne by a portfolio company. CSCP's out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with work relating to a particular portfolio company are generally reimbursed by the relevant portfolio company or a Fund. A conflict of interest could arise in CSCP's determination of whether certain costs or expenses that are incurred in connection with the operation of a Fund or a portfolio company are expenses for which the Fund or such portfolio company is responsible, or whether such expenses should be borne by the general partner or managing member or CSCP. Each Fund and portfolio company will be reliant on the good faith determinations of CSCP in this regard, and also in regard to the allocation of investment expenses and any common operating expenses as between a Fund, other CSCP Funds or accounts and/or a portfolio company. There can be no assurance that errors will not arise in such allocations, which may benefit the other Funds, accounts or other investors to the detriment of a Fund.

*Service Providers.* Certain service providers (or their affiliates), including administrators, lenders, brokers, attorneys, accountants, insurance companies, diligence providers, consultants and investment banking firms, that CSCP retains or seeks to have retained on behalf of the Funds also have relationships with, or have provided goods or services to CSCP, its employees and/or its other Fund clients. In some cases, these service providers provide services for one or more of these parties on terms that are more beneficial than those afforded to other of these parties. While CSCP seeks to negotiate the terms of these engagements on an arm's-length basis, there can be no guarantee that the Funds or any of their portfolio companies (or with respect to the Funds' investments therein) will receive the most beneficial terms offered by any particular service provider. These services and relationships or more favorable terms offered by service providers may influence CSCP in deciding whether to select or recommend such a provider to perform services for the Funds or the Funds' portfolio companies or with respect to the Funds' investments. Additionally some service providers to the Funds and/or the Funds' portfolio companies (such as lenders, insurance companies, investment banking firms, and attorneys) are also investors in the Funds, which presents a conflict of interest for CSCP in deciding whether to select such service provider in return for such service providers' willingness to invest in one or more of CSCP's Funds.

*Co-Investments.* CSCP may, but will be under no obligation to, offer co-investment opportunities to any persons, including limited partners, strategic investors or other third parties, the terms of which will be determined by CSCP but may include the opportunity to co-invest on a no-fee, no-carry basis. Such co-investments will generally be limited to the capital invested in a particular Fund and may not bear the expenses associated with developing and consummating the investment opportunity or post-closing monitoring expenses, in each case not reimbursed by the portfolio companies. Such potential co-investors may also not bear broken deal expenses. The general partner or managing member and CSCP or any of their affiliates may charge carried interest,

management and other fees to any co-investors with respect to any co-investment, and may make an investment or otherwise participate, in any vehicle formed to structure a co-investment to facilitate receipt of such carried interest and fees.

*Valuations.* There is not expected to be an actively traded market for the securities owned by the Funds. When estimating fair value, CSCP applies a methodology it determines to be appropriate based on accounting guidelines and the applicable nature, facts and circumstances of the respective investments. However, the process of valuing securities for which reliable market quotations are not available is based on inherent uncertainties and the resulting values may differ from values that would have been determined had an active market existed for such securities and may differ from the prices at which such securities may ultimately be sold. CSCP has established a valuation policy that it follows when performing portfolio company valuations. Generally, CSCP does not retain the services of a third-party valuation consultant to assist in performing portfolio company valuations, although it may do so in specific situations. However, all portfolio company valuations are subject to an annual third-party review as part of the Funds' financial statement audit process. There is a risk in that the valuations by CSCP are not reviewed by an independent third-party on a more frequent than annual basis. The exercise of discretion in valuation by CSCP may give rise to conflicts of interest, including in connection with determining the amount and timing of distributions of carried interest and the calculation of management fees.

*Side Letters.* Certain investors in the Funds have side letters or other similar agreements that have the effect of establishing rights under, or altering or supplementing the terms of, the Fund's organizational documents, including providing different or preferential rights or terms, such as different fee structures, information rights, appointment to the respective Fund's Advisory Board, a right of first refusal to subscribe for additional capital commitments, co-investment rights and liquidity or transfer rights.

*Risks Related to Cyber Security.* CSCP's and the Funds' portfolio companies' information and technology systems (or the systems of their respective service providers) may be vulnerable to damage or interruption from computer viruses, network failures, computer and telecommunication failures, infiltration by unauthorized persons and security breaches, usage errors by its professionals, power outages and catastrophic events such as fires, tornadoes, floods, hurricanes and earthquakes. Although CSCP has implemented various measures to manage risks relating to these types of events, if these systems are compromised, become inoperable for extended periods of time or cease to function properly, CSCP, the portfolio companies and/or the Funds may incur specific time or expense to fix or replace them and to seek to remedy the effects of such issues. The failure of these systems and/or of disaster recovery plans for any reason could cause significant interruptions in CSCP's, the portfolio companies' and/or the Funds' operations and result in a failure to maintain the security, confidentiality or privacy of sensitive data, including personal information relating to investors (and the beneficial owners of investors). Such a failure could harm CSCP's and/or the portfolio companies' reputations, subject them and their respective affiliates to legal claims or otherwise affect business and financial performance.

*Epidemic or Pandemic Considerations.* There is a risk that a Fund's investments could be, directly or indirectly, affected by one or more outbreaks of disease. During most of 2020, and even continuing now, the 2019 novel strain of coronavirus (COVID-19) has caused an ongoing epidemic in multiple countries, including the United States. The negative impact of COVID-19

varied across the Funds' portfolio companies and their respective customers and service providers. It is also possible that COVID-19, or some future epidemic or pandemic, could have a longer-term negative impact on economic fundamentals (including disruption of global supply chains), consumer confidence, tourism and/or the performance of essential government services. It is not possible to predict the severity of the effect that COVID-19 or any such future events would have on the U.S. and non-U.S. economies or on the fair value of the Funds' portfolio company investments over the longer term.

*Other Business Interruptions.* CSCP's investment advisory activities and operations, and the activities and operations of the Funds' portfolio companies (and their respective customers and service providers), could be interrupted or adversely affected by extraordinary events or emergency situations, including, without limitation, outbreaks of infectious diseases, epidemics or pandemics, war, terrorism, failure of technology, disasters, government macroeconomic policies, or social instability. In order to mitigate the effects of these types of events, CSCP and the Funds' portfolio companies may activate business continuity and disaster recovery plans. These plans may, for example, require investment professionals and employees to work and access information technology, communications or other systems remotely. The failure of these systems and/or disaster recovery plans for any reason could cause significant business interruptions for CSCP, CSCP's affiliates, the Funds and/or the Funds' portfolio companies.

#### ***Certain Additional Risks Related to SBIC Mezzanine Funds***

*SBIC Leverage.* Obtaining an SBIC license allows an SBIC mezzanine fund to obtain debentures through the SBA. There is no assurance that there will not be delays or that aggregate demand for available SBA leverage will not be in excess of SBA's annual authorization or appropriation levels as determined by Congress, which would cause leverage to be unavailable either in whole or in part.

SBA debentures require periodic interest payments and a lump-sum principal payment at maturity. Although the use of SBA leverage reduces a mezzanine fund's overall cost of capital, it also increases its exposure to losses. To the extent a mezzanine fund uses SBA debentures to obtain leverage, it faces mandatory periodic interest payments and, if its revenues are not sufficient to make such payments, the SBA could accelerate the maturity of all of the debentures.

SBA regulations require that debentures must be repaid to the SBA prior to a return of capital to the investors in an SBIC mezzanine fund. The SBIC mezzanine fund may distribute earnings as received but may not return capital to investors, without the prior approval of the SBA, until the debentures have been repaid.

*Federal Regulation.* SBIC mezzanine funds are subject to extensive regulation by the SBA regarding their operations and the type and terms of their investments. If an SBIC mezzanine fund should fail to comply with any applicable SBA regulation, it could forfeit its license as an SBIC, face acceleration of all debentures previously issued, and be placed in receivership and/or liquidated at the direction of the SBA, which would have a detrimental impact on the operation of the mezzanine fund.

Please see Items 4 (Advisory Business) and 10 (Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations).

**ITEM 9. DISCIPLINARY INFORMATION**

None.

**ITEM 10. OTHER FINANCIAL INDUSTRY ACTIVITIES AND AFFILIATIONS*****Pooled Investment Vehicles and Related General Partners***

CSCP serves as investment adviser to the Funds, and affiliates of CSCP act as general partners or managing members of the Funds. See Item 4 (Advisory Business) which sets forth a list of CSCP's current fund clients.

The general partner or managing member, as applicable, of each Fund is as follows: (i) LM Fund Management II LLC is the general partner of LMCP II, (ii) ACUS Fund Management LLC is the general partner of ACUS, (iii) TS Fund Management LLC is the general partner of TS, (iv) AFP Fund Management LLC is the general partner of AFP, (v) HT Fund Management LLC is the managing member of HTI, (vi) TDS Fund Management LLC is the managing member of TDS, (vii) HILP Fund Management LLC is the managing member of HILP, (viii) TNS Fund Management LLC is the managing member of TNS, (ix) UTD OZ Fund Management LLC is the managing member of UTD, (x) MSI Fund Management LLC is the managing member of MSI InvestCo LLC, (xi) TNS Fund Management II LLC is the managing member of TNS Splitter II LLC, and (xii) PCI II Fund Management LLC is the managing member of PCI II, LP.

In addition, CSCP may establish one or more additional funds with affiliates of CSCP acting as general partners or managing members of such funds.

Generally, the general partner or managing member of each Fund advised by CSCP receives a share of profits generated by the applicable Fund. This share of profits is often referred to as a carried interest. Because of CSCP's relationship with the general partners or managing members of the Funds it advises, the carried interest may be considered performance-based compensation that benefits CSCP. A carried interest may give CSCP or the general partner or managing member of a Fund an incentive to take more risk or make more speculative investments than would otherwise be the case. CSCP addresses this potential conflict of interest by (i) recognizing its fiduciary duty owed to each Fund, and (ii) reviewing each Fund's objectives, strategies and investment guidelines against its recommendations.

PCI Capital Management, LLC is a relying adviser under CSCP's SEC registration and serves as the investment adviser to the Mezzanine Fund.

Legg Mason, Inc. ("**Legg Mason**"), a global investment management firm which previously owned CSCP (formerly Legg Mason Merchant Banking, Inc.), owns a 45% interest in LM Fund Management II LLC. Legg Mason, however, has no investment discretion with respect to LMCP II. Because Legg Mason does not have any investment discretion with respect to LMCP II, CSCP does not believe that Legg Mason's role as an equity owner of the general partner of such Fund gives rise to any conflicts between their interests and the interests of LMCP II.

***Other Funds Advised by CSCP***

In addition, CSCP may establish one or more additional funds with investment objectives substantially similar to, or different from, those of an existing Fund. Allocation of available investment opportunities among the funds could give rise to conflicts of interest. In such an eventuality, CSCP recognizes that it must allocate such investment opportunities in a manner that is fair to each of the funds, in light of the facts and circumstances of each situation.

In order to help mitigate conflicts of interest between CSCP's existing Funds and potential new funds, when an investment opportunity arises that could potentially overlap with an existing portfolio company, CSCP typically consults with the respective existing portfolio company board of directors and/or portfolio company management team regarding whether the investment opportunity would be an appropriate Add-On Company for the existing portfolio company.

In addition, CSCP sponsored Funds typically also maintain advisory committees consisting of representatives of the investors in a Fund who are not affiliated with CSCP or its affiliates. The advisory committees meet as required to consult with the general partner or managing member of the Fund as to potential conflicts of interest.

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

CSCP has adopted a code of ethics (the "**Code**") pursuant to Rule 204A-1 under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended (the "**Advisers Act**") that covers all of its supervised persons. The Code highlights the fiduciary duty that CSCP owes to its Fund clients, including the affirmative duty to put the best interests of CSCP's Fund clients ahead of the interests of CSCP and its supervised persons. Each supervised person at CSCP must act with competence, dignity, integrity, and in an ethical manner when dealing with the Funds, the public, investors and prospective investors in the Funds, service providers and fellow supervised persons. All CSCP personnel must also comply with all federal securities laws. Finally, the Code requires that supervised persons adhere to the highest standards with respect to any potential conflict of interest with the Funds or investors.

The Code governs personal trading by supervised persons. CSCP's access persons are required to obtain preclearance from CSCP's Chief Compliance Officer for certain types of personal securities transactions. The Code also requires access persons to provide the Chief Compliance Officer with certain securities holdings reports and periodic transaction statements, as required by Rule 204A-1 under the Advisers Act.

All of CSCP's employees, and the persons authorized to act on behalf of the general partner or managing member of each Fund advised by CSCP, are subject to the Code.

Violations of the Code must be promptly reported to the Chief Compliance Officer, who is primarily responsible for administering and enforcing the Code. A violation of the Code may result in the imposition of sanctions, including, without limitation, termination of employment.

The Code is available to clients or investors (or prospective clients or investors) upon request by contacting us at the following address:

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## ITEM 12. BROKERAGE PRACTICES

CSCP primarily focuses on making investments in private companies and does not ordinarily deal with a broker-dealer in connection with investments in public securities. To the extent CSCP transacts in public securities or utilizes a broker-dealer in connection with its investments for the Funds, it will seek to obtain best execution for the Funds. However, CSCP has no duty or obligation to seek in advance competitive bidding for the most favorable commission rate applicable to any particular Fund transaction or to select any broker on the basis of its purported or “posted” commission rate. Although CSCP generally seeks competitive commission rates, it may not necessarily pay the lowest commission or commission equivalent. Transactions may involve specialized services on the part of the broker involved and thereby entail higher commissions or their equivalents than would be the case with other transactions requiring more routine services.

CSCP and/or the general partners or managing members are generally authorized to make the following determinations, subject to each Fund’s investment objectives and restrictions, without obtaining prior consent from the relevant Fund or any of its investors: (i) which securities or other instruments to buy or sell, (ii) the total amount of securities or other instruments to buy or sell, (iii) the executing broker or dealer for any transaction, and (iv) the commission rates or commission equivalents charged for transactions.

In making its decisions regarding the selection of a broker-dealer for transactions for the Funds, CSCP will consider a variety of factors, including the following, as applicable: (i) the ability to effect prompt and reliable executions at favorable prices, (ii) the operational efficiency with which transactions are effected, (iii) the financial strength, integrity and stability of the broker-dealer, and (iv) the competitiveness of rates in comparison with other broker-dealers satisfying CSCP’s other selection criteria. CSCP also endeavors to be aware of the current level of the charges of eligible brokers and to reduce the expenses incurred for effecting Fund transactions to the extent consistent with the interests of such Fund clients.

CSCP does not receive any soft dollar benefits from broker-dealers.

## ITEM 13. REVIEW OF ACCOUNTS

The investments of the Funds advised by CSCP are reviewed and monitored by CSCP on a regular and current basis. CSCP closely monitors the portfolio companies of the Funds it advises and generally maintains an ongoing oversight position in such portfolio companies. CSCP holds weekly meetings of all investment professionals and the relevant investment committees (when

required) to review the performance of the portfolio companies and investments of the Funds which CSCP advises. In addition, the portfolio companies of each Fund prepare weekly or monthly financial/statistical reports which are reviewed by the relevant Deal Team.

Investors receive quarterly unaudited financial statements of the Fund in which they are invested within 60 days of quarter end for the first three quarters of each calendar year and audited annual year-end financial statements of the Fund in which they are invested as soon as available, but in any event within 120 days following the close of the fiscal year. Investors also receive quarterly reports containing financial information and updates for each portfolio company of a Fund in which they are invested.

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

CSCP does not receive any economic benefit from non-clients for providing investment advice or other advisory services to CSCP's clients.

In some instances, CSCP uses a placement agent in connection with the offering of interests in a Fund to facilitate capital commitments from investors. In such cases, the use of a placement agent is fully disclosed to the investors referred by such placement agent.

#### **ITEM 15. CUSTODY**

CSCP is considered to have custody of client funds and securities due to the fact that the general partners or managing members of its Fund clients are related persons of CSCP. All assets, except for privately offered securities, of the Funds advised by CSCP are held in custody by unaffiliated qualified custodians. It is CSCP's general policy to cause the annual financial statements of each Fund over which CSCP is deemed to have "custody" to be audited annually and to distribute such audited financial statements to investors in such Fund no later than 120 days after the end of each fiscal year. In addition, upon the final liquidation of any such Fund, CSCP will obtain a final audit and distribute audited financial statements to all of its investors in such Fund promptly after completion of the audit. For these Funds, investors will not receive account statements from the bank or other qualified custodians holding physical custody of such Fund's securities.

#### **ITEM 16. INVESTMENT DISCRETION**

CSCP provides investment advisory services to each of its Fund clients pursuant to management agreements. Investment advice is provided by CSCP directly to its Fund clients, subject to the direction and control of the affiliated general partner or managing member of such Fund. Any restrictions on investments in certain types of securities are established by the general partner or managing member of the applicable Fund and are set forth in the partnership or limited liability company agreement of such Fund.

#### **ITEM 17. VOTING CLIENT SECURITIES**

CSCP's policy is to vote securities owned by the Funds it advises in the best interests of the applicable Fund. Because the securities held by the Funds that CSCP advises typically are privately held equity interests, votes are usually cast directly at a meeting or by written consent and not by proxy. CSCP or the general partner or managing member of the Fund advised by CSCP



will vote any securities or proxy in a manner consistent with the investment objectives of the Fund, typically to maximize investment returns within the guidelines established by the Fund and to promote sound corporate governance by the issuer, subject to any investment restrictions and other constraints set forth in the Fund's offering memorandum or partnership or limited liability company agreement.

Prior to voting any securities, CSCP and the general partner or managing member of the applicable Fund will identify any conflicts that exist between the interests of CSCP, the general partner or managing member and the Fund by reviewing the relationship of CSCP and the general partner or managing member with the issuer of such security to determine if CSCP, the general partner or managing member or any of their affiliates has any financial, business or personal relationship with the issuer. In situations where CSCP or the general partner or managing member is required to vote the securities for a company in which supervised persons of CSCP serve on the board of directors, CSCP has determined that this does not inherently present a conflict of interest when the sole purpose of this representation is to maximize the return of a Fund's investment in such company.

If CSCP or the general partner or managing member determines that a material conflict of interest exists, CSCP or the general partner or managing member will disclose the conflict to the advisory committee of the applicable Fund in order to give the advisory committee of the applicable Fund an opportunity to review and approve or reject CSCP's or the general partner's or managing member's proposed vote in light of the conflict of interest.

The function of the advisory committee shall be to: (i) address any potential conflicts of interest in any transaction or relationship between the company and the managing member or any employee or affiliate thereof that are presented to the advisory committee by the managing member; (ii) advise the managing member on other issues that are presented to the advisory committee by the managing member; and (iii) consult generally with the managing member concerning the activities of the company.

CSCP's proxy voting policies and procedures are designed to comply with the requirements of Rule 206(4)-6 under the Advisers Act. Such policies and procedures are reviewed periodically and may be amended from time to time. Upon written request by any investor, a copy of the full policy and procedures on proxy voting will be provided as well as a voting record for any securities voted on behalf of a Fund in which that investor purchased securities.

#### **ITEM 18. FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

CSCP does not require the payment of fees or other compensation six months or more in advance. There exists no financial condition of which CSCP is currently aware that would impair CSCP's ability to meet contractual commitments to its Fund clients. CSCP has not been the subject of a bankruptcy petition within the past 10 years.