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SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED-APPLICATION FOR AN ORDER PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 17(d) AND 57(i) OF THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940 AND RULE 17d-1 UNDER THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940 TO PERMIT CERTAIN JOINT TRANSACTIONS OTHERWISE PROHIBITED BY SECTIONS 17(d) AND 57(a)(4)OF THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940 AND RULE 17d-1 UNDER THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940

In the Matter of:

PRIVACORE PCAAM ALTERNATIVE GROWTH FUND, PRIVACORE PCAAM ALTERNATIVE INCOME FUND, PRIVACORE CAPITAL ADVISORS, LLC, PARTNERS CAPITAL INVESTMENT GROUP, LLP, PARTNERS CAPITAL GREYHAWK FUND, L.P., THE MASTER PORTFOLIO (A), L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL HARRIER FUND (A) L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL HARRIER FUND (C) LTD, PARTNERS CAPITAL FALCON FUND (A), L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL FALCON FUND (A), L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL FALCON FUND (C), LTD., THE MASTER PORTFOLIO (C) S.A., SICAV-RAIF, PARTNERS CAPITAL KESTREL FUND, LP -SERIES B, PARTNERS CAPITAL GREYHAWK CAYMAN FEEDER FUND, LTD., PARTNERS CAPITAL KESTREL FUND, LP - SERIES D, PARTNERS CAPITAL PHOENIX FUND II LTD - DIVERSIFIED INCOME FUND, PARTNERS CAPITAL CONDOR FUND VIII, L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL CONDOR FUND VIII (CAYMAN), L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL KESTREL FUND, LP - SERIES E, PARTNERS CAPITAL KESTREL FUND, LP - SERIES C, PARTNERS CAPITAL KESTREL FUND, LP - SERIES A, PARTNERS CAPITAL CONDOR FUND IX (CAYMAN), L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL CONDOR FUND IX, L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL KESTREL FUND, LP - SERIES J, PARTNERS CAPITAL CONDOR FUND X, L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL CONDOR FUND X (CAYMAN), L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL PHOENIX FUND III, LP, PARTNERS CAPITAL KESTREL FUND, LP - SERIES S, PARTNERS CAPITAL CONDOR FUND XI (CAYMAN), L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL CONDOR FUND XI, L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL MERLIN CO-INVESTMENT FUND I, L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL MERLIN CO-INVESTMENT FUND I (CAYMAN), L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL KESTREL FUND, LP - SERIES H, PARTNERS CAPITAL KESTREL FUND, LP - SERIES N, PARTNERS CAPITAL CONDOR FUND XII (CAYMAN), L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL CONDOR FUND XII, L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL CONDOR FUND XIII (CAYMAN), L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL CONDOR FUND XIII, L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL KESTREL FUND, LP - SERIES X, PARTNERS CAPITAL KESTREL FUND, LP - SERIES Y, PARTNERS CAPITAL SECONDARIES SMA 2020, L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL SECONDARIES SMA 2020 (CAYMAN), L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL KESTREL FUND, LP - SERIES G, PARTNERS CAPITAL MERLIN CO-INVESTMENT FUND II, L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL MERLIN CO-INVESTMENT FUND II (CAYMAN), L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL CONDOR FUND XIV, L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL CONDOR FUND XIV (CAYMAN), L.P., US VENTURE CAPITAL AGGREGATOR FUND A, L.P., US VENTURE CAPITAL AGGREGATOR FUND A (CAYMAN), L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL CONDOR FUND XV (CAYMAN), L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL CONDOR FUND XV, L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL SECONDARIES SMA 2022 (CAYMAN), L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL SECONDARIES SMA 2022, L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL 15 DEGREES FUND, L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL RED KITE FUND, L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL RED KITE FUND (CAYMAN), L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL MERLIN CO-INVESTMENT FUND III, L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL MERLIN CO-INVESTMENT FUND III (CAYMAN), L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL CONDOR FUND XVI (CAYMAN), L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL RED KITE FUND II, L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL RED KITE FUND II (CAYMAN), L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL CONDOR FUND XVI, L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL KESTREL FUND, LP - SERIES W, PARTNERS CAPITAL INVESTMENT GROUP, LLP, PARTNERS CAPITAL CONDOR FUND XVII (CAYMAN), L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL CONDOR FUND XVII, L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL MERLIN CO-INVESTMENT FUND IV (CAYMAN), L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL MERLIN CO-INVESTMENT FUND IV, L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL RED KITE FUND III (CAYMAN), L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL RED KITE FUND III, L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL SECONDARIES SMA 2024 (CAYMAN), L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL SECONDARIES SMA 2024, L.P., MASTER PORTFOLIO (B) LTD, PARTNERS CAPITAL PHOENIX FUND II SPV, LTD, PARTNERS CAPITAL CAYMAN XIII SPV, LTD, PARTNERS CAPITAL ASIA ENDOWMENT PORTFOLIO SCA, AND SICAV-RAIF, PARTNERS CAPITAL ALTERNATIVE ASSET MANAGEMENT FUND SICAV

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I. SUMMARY OF APPLICATION

A. Requested Relief

The following entities identified in Section I.B below, hereby request an order (the "*Order*") pursuant to Sections 17(d) and 57(i) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "*Act*"), and Rule 17d-1 thereunder, authorizing certain joint transactions that otherwise would be prohibited by either or both of Sections 17(d) and 57(a)(4) as modified by the exemptive rules adopted by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "*Commission*") under the Act.

In particular, the relief requested in this amended and restated application for an Order (the "Application") would allow a Regulated Fund and one or more other Regulated Funds and/or one or more Affiliated Funds (each as defined below) to participate in the same investment opportunities through a proposed co-investment program where such participation would otherwise be prohibited under Section 17(d) or Section 57(a)(4) and the rules under the Act (the "Co-Investment Program").³

B. Applicants Seeking Relief

First Trust Real Assets Privacore PCAAM Alternative Growth Fund, a closed-end management investment company registered under the Act ("RAF Growth Fund");

First Trust Privatcore CreditPCAAM Alternative Income Fund, a closed-end management investment company registered under the Act ("PCF");

- Income Fund" and together with Growth First Trust Private Assets Fund, a closed end management investment
- company registered under the Act ("PAF");
- First Trust Alternative Opportunities Fund, a closed end management investment company registered under the Act ("AOFFund, the "Existing Regulated Funds"); and
 Destiny Alternative Fund LLC, a closed end management investment company registered under the Act ("DAF");
- First Trust Hedged Strategies Fund, a closed end management investment company registered under the Act ("HSF");
- Infinity Core Alternative Fund, a closed end management investment company registered under the Act ("ICAF" and together with RAF, PCF, PAF, AOF, DAF and HSF, the "Existing Regulated Funds"); and

the investment vehicles identified in <u>Schedule A</u>, each of which is a separate and distinct legal entity and each of which would be an investment company but for Section 3(c)(1) or 3(c)(7) of the Act (the "*Existing Affiliated Funds*");

<u>VivaldiPrivacore</u> Capital <u>Management LP ("VCM")</u> <u>Advisors, LLC</u>, the investment adviser to <u>the Cornerstone</u> <u>Diversified Portfolio LP each Existing Regulated Fund</u>, ("<u>Cornerstone Privacore</u>"), on behalf of itself and its successors⁴; ⁴ and

First TrustPartners Capital ManagementInvestment Group, LLP.P., the investment <u>sub-adviser</u> to <u>each of</u> the Existing Regulated Funds and <u>investment adviser or portfolio manager to the</u> Existing Affiliated Funds, <u>with the exception of Cornerstone ("First Trust" and, ("Partners" and together with VCMPrivacore</u>, the "Existing Advisers"), on behalf of itself and its successors.

Applicants do not seek relief for transactions that would be permitted under other regulatory or interpretive guidance,

¹ Unless otherwise indicated, all section references herein are to the Act.

² Unless otherwise indicated, all rule references herein are to rules under the Act.

³ No Regulated Fund or Affiliated Fund that relies on this Order will rely on any other order of the Commission authorizing co-investment transactions pursuant to sections 17(d) and 57(i) of the Act, and no entity that relies on another such order of the Commission will rely on this Order.

⁴ The term successor, as applied to each Adviser, means an entity which results from a reorganization into another jurisdiction or change in the type of business organization.

including, for example, transactions effected consistent with Commission staff no-action positions.⁵⁵

All existing entities that currently intend to rely on the Order have been named as Applicants and any existing or future entities that may rely on the Order in the future will comply with the terms and conditions of the Application.

C. Defined Terms

"Adviser" means an Existinga Privacore Adviser and any Future or Partners Adviser (defined below), provided that a Partners Adviser serving as a sub-adviser to an Affiliated Fund is included in this term only if (i) the investment adviser is a Partners Adviser and (ii) such Adviser controls the entity.

"Affiliated Fund" means the Existing Affiliated Funds, any First Trust Future Affiliated Fund, and any Partners Proprietary Account (as defined below) and any entity (a) whose investment adviser (and sub adviser(s), if any) is an Adviser, (b) that would be an investment company but for Section 3(c)(1), 3(c)(5)(C) or 3(c)(7) of the Act, and (c) that intends to participate in the Co Investment Program. 6.6

"Applicants" means the Existing Advisers, Existing Regulated Funds and the Existing Affiliated Funds.

"BDC" means a business development company under the Act. Section 2(a)(48) defines a BDC to be any closed-end investment company that operates for the purpose of making investments in securities described in Section 55(a)(1) through 55(a)(3) and makes available significant managerial assistance with respect to the issuers of such securities.

"Board" means the board of trustees (or the equivalent) of the applicable Regulated Fund.

"Board-Established Criteria" means criteria that the Board of a Regulated Fund may establish from time to time to describe the characteristics of Potential Co-Investment Transactions regarding which the Adviser to such Regulated Fund should be notified under Condition 1. The Board-Established Criteria will be consistent with the Regulated Fund's Objectives and Strategies (defined below). If no Board-Established Criteria are in effect, then the Regulated Fund's-Adviser to the Regulated Fund will be notified of all Potential Co-Investment Transactions that fall within the Regulated Fund's then-current Objectives and Strategies. Board-Established Criteria will be objective and testable, meaning that they will be based on observable information, such as industry/sector of the issuer, minimum EBITDA of the issuer, asset class of the investment opportunity or required commitment size, and not on characteristics that involve a discretionary assessment. The Adviser to the Regulated Fund may from time to time recommend criteria for the Board's consideration, but Board-Established Criteria will only become effective if approved by a majority of the Independent Trustees (defined below). The Independent Trustees of a Regulated Fund may at any time rescind, suspend or qualify its approval of any Board-Established Criteria, though Applicants anticipate that, under normal circumstances, the Board would not modify these criteria more often than quarterly.

"Close Affiliate" means an Adviser, the Regulated Funds, the Affiliated Funds and any other person described in Section 57(b) (after giving effect to Rule 57b-1) in respect of any Regulated Fund (treating any registered investment company or series thereof as a BDC for this purpose) except for limited partners included solely by reason of the reference in Section 57(b) to Section 2(a)(3)(D).

"Co-Investment Transaction" means any transaction in which one or more Regulated Funds (or its Wholly-Owned Investment Sub (defined below)) participated together with one or more Affiliated Funds and/or one or more other Regulated Funds in reliance on the Order.

"Cornerstone" means Cornerstone Diversified Portfolio LP., an Existing Affiliated Fund advised by VCM.

"Disposition" means the sale, exchange or other disposition of an interest in a security of an issuer.

⁵⁵ See the JT No-Action Letters (as defined below).

⁶ Affiliated Funds may include funds that are ultimately structured as collateralized loan obligation funds ("CLOs"). Such CLOs would be investment companies but for the exception provided in Section 3(c)(7) of the Act or their ability to rely on Rule 3a-7 of the Act. During the investment period of a CLO, the CLO may engage in certain transactions customary in CLO formations with another Affiliated Fund on a secondary basis at fair market value. For purposes of the Order, any securities that were acquired by an Affiliated Fund in a particular Co-Investment Transaction that are then transferred in such customary transactions to an Affiliated Fund that is or will become a CLO (an "Affiliated Fund CLO") will be treated as if the Affiliated Fund CLO acquired such securities in the Co-Investment Transaction. For the avoidance of doubt, any such transfer from an Affiliated Fund to an Affiliated Fund CLO will be treated as a Disposition and completed pursuant to terms and conditions of the Application, though Applicants note that the Regulated Funds would be prohibited from participating in such Disposition by Section 17(a)(2) or Section 57(a)(2) of the Act, as applicable. The participation by any Affiliated Fund CLO in any such Co-Investment Transaction will remain subject to the Order.

⁶ In the future, each Affiliated Fund may register as a closed-end management investment company under the Act and, if so registered, will be considered a Regulated Fund for purposes of this Application.

"*Eligible Trustees*" means, with respect to a Regulated Fund and a Potential Co-Investment Transaction, the members of the Regulated Fund's Board eligible to vote on that Potential Co-Investment Transaction under Section 57(o) of the Act (treating any registered investment company or series thereof as a BDC for this purpose).

"First Trust Proprietary Account" means any account of an Adviser or its affiliates or any company that is a direct or indirect, wholly or majority owned subsidiary of the Adviser or its affiliates, which, from time to time, may hold various financial assets in a principal capacity. Currently, there are no First Trust Proprietary Accounts or subsidiaries that that exist and currently intend to participate in the Co Investment Program.

"Follow-On Investment" means (i) with respect to a Regulated Fund, an additional investment in the same issuer in which the Regulated Fund is currently invested; or (ii) with respect to an Affiliated Fund, (x) an additional investment in the same issuer in which the Affiliated Fund and at least one Regulated Fund are currently invested; or (y) an investment in an issuer in which at least one Regulated Fund is currently invested but in which the Affiliated Fund does not currently have an investment. An investment in an issuer includes, but is not limited to, the exercise of warrants, conversion privileges or other rights to purchase securities of the issuer.

"Future Adviser Affiliated Fund" means any future entity (a) whose investment adviser that (i) controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with an Existing Adviser, (ii) registered as an investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (the "Advisers Act") and (iii) not a Regulated Fund or a subsidiary of a Regulated Fund. (and any sub-adviser, if any) is a Partners Adviser, (b) that (x) would be an investment company but for Section 3(c)(1), 3(c)(5)(C) or 3(c)(7) of the Act, or (y) relies on Rule 3a-7 under the Act, and (c) that intends to participate in the Co-Investment Program.

"Future Regulated Fund" means a closed-end management investment company (a) that is registered under the Act or has elected to be regulated as a BDC; (b) whose investment adviser (and <u>any</u> sub-adviser(s), if any) is <u>ana Partners</u> Adviser; and (c) that intends to participate in the Co-Investment Program.

"Independent Trustee" means a member of the Board of any relevant entity who is not an "interested person" as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the Act. No Independent Trustee of a Regulated Fund will have a direct or indirect financial interest in any Co-Investment Transaction or any interest in any portfolio company, other than indirectly through share ownership in one of the Regulated Funds.

"JT No-Action Letters" means SMC Capital, Inc., SEC No-Action Letter (pub. avail. Sept. 5, 1995) and Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company, SEC No-Action Letter (pub. avail. June 7, 2000).

"Objectives and Strategies" means a Regulated Fund's investment objectives and strategies, as described in its most current registration statement on Form N-2, other current or future filings with the Commission under the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act") or under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and/or its most current report to stockholders.

"Partners Adviser" means (a) Partners and (b) any future investment adviser that controls, is controlled by or is under common control with Partners, is registered as an investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended (the "Advisers Act") and is not a Regulated Fund or a subsidiary of a Regulated Fund.

"Partners Proprietary Account" means any account of Partners or Partners Adviser or any company that is a direct or indirect, wholly- or majority-owned subsidiary of the Adviser or its affiliates, which, from time to time, may hold various financial assets in a principal capacity. Currently, there are no Partners Proprietary Accounts or subsidiaries that exist and currently intend to participate in the Co-Investment Program.

"Potential Co-Investment Transaction" means any investment opportunity in which a Regulated Fund (or its Wholly-Owned Investment Sub) could not participate together with one or more Affiliated Funds and/or one or more other Regulated Funds without obtaining and relying on the Order.

"*Pre-Boarding Investments*" are investments in an issuer held by a Regulated Fund as well as one or more Affiliated Funds and/or one or more other Regulated Funds that were acquired prior to participating in any Co-Investment Transaction:

(i) in transactions in which the only term negotiated by or on behalf of such funds was price in reliance on one of the JT No-Action Letters; or

(ii) in transactions occurring at least 90 days apart and without coordination between the Regulated Fund and any Affiliated Fund or other Regulated Fund.

"Privacore Adviser" means (a) Privacore and (b) any future investment adviser that controls, is controlled by or is under common control with Privacore, is registered as an investment adviser under the Advisers Act and is not a Regulated Fund or a subsidiary of a Regulated Fund.

"Regulated Funds" means the Existing Regulated Funds and any Future Regulated Funds.

"Related Party" means (i) any Close Affiliate and (ii) in respect of matters as to which any Adviser has knowledge, any Remote Affiliate.

"Remote Affiliate" means any person described in Section 57(e) in respect of any Regulated Fund (treating any registered investment company or series thereof as a BDC for this purpose) and any limited partner holding 5% or more of the relevant limited partner interests that would be a Close Affiliate but for the exclusion in that definition.

"Required Majority" means a required majority, as defined in Section 57(o) of the Act. 7

"Tradable Security" means a security that meets the following criteria at the time of Disposition:

- it trades on a national securities exchange or designated offshore securities market as defined in rule 902(b) under the Securities Act;
- (ii) it is not subject to restrictive agreements with the issuer or other security holders; and
- (iii) it trades with sufficient volume and liquidity (findings as to which are documented by the Adviser to any Regulated Funds holding investments in the issuer and retained for the life of the Regulated Fund) to allow each Regulated Fund to dispose of its entire position remaining after the proposed Disposition within a short period of time not exceeding 30 days at approximately the value (as defined by Section 2(a)(41) of the Act) at which the Regulated Fund has valued the investment.

"Wholly-Owned Investment Sub" means an entity (i) that is wholly-owned by a Regulated Fund (with such Regulated Fund at all times holding, beneficially and of record, \(\frac{10095}{\chioux}\) or more of the voting and economic interests); (ii) whose sole business purpose is to hold one or more investments on behalf of such Regulated Fund (and, in the case of an SBIC Subsidiary (defined below), maintains a license under the SBA Act (defined below) and issues debentures guaranteed by the SBA (defined below)); (iii) with respect to which such Regulated Fund's Board has the sole authority to make all determinations with respect to the entity's participation under the Conditions (as defined below) to this application; and (iv) that would be an investment company but for Section 3(c)(1), 3(c)(5)(C) or 3(c)(7) of the Act. The term "SBIC Subsidiary" means a Wholly-Owned Investment Sub that is licensed by the Small Business Administration (the "SBA") to operate under the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, as amended, (the "SBA Act") as a small business investment company.

II. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANTS

A. **RAF**Growth Fund

RAEGrowth Fund was

RAFGrowth Fund was organized under the Delaware Statutory Trust Act on December 8, 2021 April 23, 2024, and is a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company registered under the Act. RAFThe Growth Fund intends to operate as an interval fund pursuant to Rule 23c 3 of the Act and qualify annually and has elected to be treated as a regulated investment company under Sub-Chapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. RAF's ("Code"). Growth Fund's principal place of business is c/o UMB Fund Services at 235 West Galena Street, Milwaukee, WI 53212.

RAF's primary investment objective is to achieve long term real return through current income and long term capital appreciation. Real return is total return after adjusting for inflation. Under normal circumstances, RAF seeks to achieve its investment objective by allocating at least 80% of its net assets, plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes,

⁷² In the case of a Regulated Fund that is a registered closed-end fund, the Board members that make up the Required Majority will be determined as if the Regulated Fund were a BDC subject to Section 57(o) of the Act.

to real assets and real asset companies (together, "Real Asset Related Investments"). Real assets are defined by the RAF as physical or tangible assets. Examples of real assets include related to real estate, infrastructure, natural resources (such as timberland and agriculture/farmland), and precious metals. Real asset companies include companies that own, operate or derive at least 50% of their profits or revenues from, or commit at least 50% of their assets to, real assets and activities related to real assets. RAF seeks to obtain exposure to Real Asset Related Investments by investing principally in (i) private funds that primarily invest in real assets and real asset companies; (ii) real estate investment trusts, including wholly owned and controlled subsidiaries of the Fund that are REITs—that invest in real assets; (iii) publicly traded equity and debt securities related to real assets or issued by real asset companies; (iv) private debt instruments of real asset companies; and (v) after the first year of RAF's operations, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Fund organized under the laws of the Cayman Islands, which may invest in commodity futures contracts and exchange traded commodity linked instruments to obtain indirect exposure to certain real assets.

RAF is managed under the direction of a Board, of which a majority of the members are not "interested" persons of RAF within the meaning of Section 2(a)(19) of the Act.8

B. PCF

PCF was organized under the Delaware Statutory Trust Act on February 14, 2022 and is a non-diversified, closed end management investment company registered under the Act. PCF intends to operate as an interval fund pursuant to Rule 23c 3 of the Act and qualify annually as a regulated investment company under Sub-Chapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. PCF's principal place of business is c/o UMB-Fund Services at 235 West Galena Street, Milwaukee, WI 53212.

PCF's primary investment objective is to produce current income. PCF seeks to achieve its investment objective by allocating its assets across a wide array of credit strategies. PCF uses a "multi manager" approach whereby its assets are allocated among the Adviser and one or more sub advisers, in percentages determined at the discretion of the Adviser. Under normal market conditions, PCF seeks to achieve its investment objective by allocating at least 80% of its net assets, plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes, to a diverse portfolio of private credit instruments. For the purpose of this policy, "private credit instruments" include, without limitation, those that are issued in private or public companies, such as commercial real estate mezzanine loans, real estate mortgages, distressed securities, notes, debentures, bank loans, and convertible and preferred securities. These instruments may be acquired directly from the issuer or in secondary market transactions.

PCF is managed under the direction of a Board, of which a majority of the members are not "interested" persons of PCF within the meaning of Section 2(a)(19) of the Act.

C. PAF

PAF was organized under the Delaware Statutory Trust Act on February 14, 2022 and is a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company registered under the Act. PAF intends to qualify annually as a regulated investment company under Sub-Chapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. PAF's principal place of business is c/o UMB Fund Services at 235 West Galena Street, Milwaukee, WI 53212.

PAF's The Growth Fund's investment objectives is to generate are to seek to achieve capital appreciation over the mediumand long-term through investments in private assets globally. Under normal circumstances, PAF to long-term and offer a consolidated, diversified investment solution to investors seeking to allocate a portion of their portfolios to private markets investments aimed at achieving capital appreciation. The Growth Fund's investments are expected to include (i) primary investments in closed-end private funds ("Portfolio Funds" or "primaries") managed by third-party managers ("Portfolio Fund Managers"); (ii) secondary purchases of interests in Portfolio Funds; (iii) investments in the equity and/or debt of operating companies, projects or properties, typically through co-investing alongside, and generally indirectly through investment vehicles managed by Portfolio Fund Managers. Together, these investment structures or vehicles are broadly referred to as "Private Market Assets." The Growth Fund seeks to achieve its investment objectives by investing and/or making capital commitments of at least 80% of its net assets (plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes) in "private assets". For purposes of this policy, private assets include direct investments in the equity or debt of a company which are not available to unaccredited investors; investments in general or limited partnerships, funds, corporations, trusts, closed end private funds (including, without limitation, funds of funds) or other investment vehicles that are managed by independent investment managers; secondary investments and co-investment vehicles. PAF's investments will include direct investments in equity or debt alongside private equity funds and firms. The Fund is only available to accredited investors who are also qualified clients. Private Market Assets that provide the opportunity for capital growth, with an expected bias toward private equity investments. The Fund invests across growth asset classes within private markets including, without limitation, private equity investments, real assets investments, and private debt investments.

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PAF Growth Fund is managed under the direction of a Board, of which a majority of the members are not "interested" persons of PAF Growth Fund within the meaning of Section 2(a)(19) of the Act. 8

DB. AOFIncome Fund

AOF Income Fund was organized under the Delaware Statutory Trust Act on November April 23, 2016 2024, and is a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company registered under the Act. AOF Income Fund operates as an interval fund pursuant to Rule 23c-3 of the Act and intends to qualify annually and has elected to be treated as a regulated investment company under Sub-Chapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. AOF's Code. Income Fund's principal place of business is c/o UMB Fund Services at 235 West Galena Street, Milwaukee, WI 53212.

AOF's investment objective is to seek to achieve long term capital appreciation by pursuing positive absolute returns across market cycles. In pursuing its objective, AOF seeks to generate attractive long term returns with low sensitivity to traditional equity and fixed income indices. AOF uses a "multi-manager" approach whereby its assets are allocated among the Adviser and one or more sub-advisers (each, a "Sub-Adviser" and together, the "Sub-Advisers"), in percentages determined at the discretion of the Adviser. The Adviser and Sub-Advisers implement both fundamentally and technically driven strategies. The allocation among these strategies will vary over time in response to changing market opportunities. These strategies may include, without limitation, global macro, opportunistic equity and fixed income, multi-strategy fixed income and arbitrage strategies that invest in different asset classes, securities and derivative instruments.

AOF is managed under the direction of a Board, of which a majority of the members are not "interested" persons of AOF within the meaning of Section 2(a)(19) of the Act.

E. DAF

DAF was organized under the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act on August 14, 2020 and is a non-diversified, closed end management investment company registered under the Act. DAF's principal place of business is c/o UMB Fund Services at 235 West Galena Street, Milwaukee, WI 53212.

DAF's investment objective is to seek long term capital appreciation. DAF is a "fund of funds" that intends to invest primarily in hedge funds, private equity funds, growth equity funds, venture capital funds, credit funds, real estate funds, co-investment vehicles, managed accounts, open end and closed end registered investment companies (including exchange traded funds) and other types of investment vehicles (collectively, the "Underlying Funds") that employ a broad range of investment strategies and invest or trade in a wide range of securities. The Fund, and the Underlying Funds in which it invests, may invest directly in U.S. and foreign securities, including emerging markets.

DAF is managed under the direction of a Board, of which a majority of the members are not "interested" persons of DAF within the meaning of Section 2(a)(19) of the Act.

F. HSF

HSF was organized under the Delaware Statutory Trust Act on March 22, 2023 and is a non-diversified, elosed-end management investment company registered the Act. HSF operates as an interval fund pursuant to Rule 23c 3 of the Act and intends to qualify annually as a regulated investment company under Sub-Chapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. HSF's principal place of business is c/o UMB Fund Services at 235 West Galena Street, Milwaukee, WI 53212.

HSF's investment objective is to seek long term capital appreciation. HSF is a is a fund of hedge funds and seeks to invest primarily in private investment funds, commonly known as "hedge funds," managed by multiple third party investment managers that employ a variety of alternative investment strategies.

HSF is managed under the direction of a Board, of which a majority of the members are not "interested" persons of HSF within the meaning of Section 2(a)(19) of the Act.

G. ICAF

ICAF was organized under the Delaware Statutory Trust Act on August 15, 2013 and is a non-diversified, closed end management investment company registered under the Act. ICAF intends to qualify annually as a regulated investment company under Sub-Chapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. ICAF's principal place of business is c/o UMB Fund Services at 235 West Galena Street, Milwaukee, WI 53212.

ICAF's Income Fund's investment objectives is are to seek long term capital growth. The Fund intends to invest primarily into achieve high current income and modest capital appreciation. The Income Fund's secondary objective is capital preservation. The Income Fund seeks to achieve its investment objectives by investing primarily in lending directly or indirectly to performing businesses, broadly defined as providing capital or assets to businesses or individuals in exchange for regular payments, or through the provision of capital to businesses or individuals by acquiring assets from those businesses or individuals that produce regular cash flows as an alternative to a traditional loan, such as receivables factoring or a sale and leaseback of real estate or equipment. Under normal market conditions, the Income Fund is expected to have at least 80% of its assets (plus any borrowings for investment purposes) invested in lending strategies that are expected to generate income.

⁸ The Board of each Future Regulated Fund will consist of a majority of members who are not "interested persons" of such Future Regulated Fund within the meaning of Section 2(a)(19) of the Act.

Investments may be made directly, or indirectly through a range of investment vehicles that Partners believes will ultimately achieve the investment objectives of the Income Fund, including but not limited to general or limited partnerships, funds, corporations, trusts or other investment vehicles ("Investment Funds") based primarily in the United States that invest or trade in a wide range of securities, and, to a lesser extent, other property and currency interests. The Investment Funds will be chosen, in part, on their stated investment strategies of investing in entities representing a broad range of markets and which utilize varied investment methods, including bridge financing, short and long term trading of fixed income and equity securities, which may include investments in special situations (such as companies involved in spin offs, capital structure reorganizations, liquidations and other similar corporate restructuring events), private investments in public entities, and other special niche investments. collectively, "Portfolio Funds"). Partners will allocate dynamically and diversify across investment vehicle type, collateral, geography, and other relevant factors based on Partners' assessment of the market environment and relative attractiveness of various credit opportunities.

<u>ICAF</u> <u>Income Fund</u> is managed under the direction of a Board, of which a majority of the members are not "interested" persons of <u>ICAFIncome Fund</u> within the meaning of Section 2(a)(19) of the Act.

H. VCM C. Privacore

VCMPrivacore serves as the investment adviser to Cornerstone, and VCMthe Existing Regulated Funds. Privacore is a Delaware limited partnership and is aliability company that intends to registered as an investment adviser with the Commission under the Advisers Act. Privacore has engaged Partners as a sub-adviser to identify investment opportunities and execute on its trading strategies subject to guidelines agreed to by Privacore and Partners. Privacore has established guidelines, monitoring and reporting procedures to evaluate the performance of Partners. Partners has sole responsibility for causing the Existing Regulated Funds and any Existing Affiliated Funds to enter into a Potential Co-Investment Transaction and is responsible for ensuring that the Privacore Adviser, the Regulated Funds, and any Affiliated Funds comply with the conditions of this Application.

ID. First Trust Partners

First TrustPartners serves as the investment <u>sub-adviser</u> of each of the Existing Regulated Funds and, except for Cornerstone, serves as the investment adviser or portfolio manager to each of the Existing Affiliated Funds, and either it or another <u>Partners Adviser</u> will serve as the investment adviser to any Future Regulated Fund <u>orand investment adviser or portfolio manager to any Future Affiliated Fund. First TrustPartners</u> is a Delaware limited <u>liability partnership</u> and is a registered investment adviser with the Commission under the Advisers Act.

The <u>First TrustPartners</u> Proprietary Accounts will hold various financial assets in a principal capacity. <u>First TrustPartners</u> and its affiliates may operate through wholly- or majority-owned subsidiaries. Currently, there are no <u>First TrustPartners</u> Proprietary Accounts or subsidiaries that exist and currently intend to participate in the Co-Investment Program.

Under the terms of separate investment <u>sub-advisory and</u> advisory agreements with each of the Existing Regulated Funds and Existing Affiliated Funds, respectively, <u>First Trust and VCM</u> (in the case of Cornerstone)-Partners, among other things, <u>will</u> manage the investment portfolios, direct purchases and sales of portfolio securities and regularly report thereon to the Existing Regulated Funds- and Existing Affiliated Funds, as applicable, respective officers and boards.

E. Existing Affiliated Funds

Each Existing Affiliated Fund is a privately-offered fund that would be an investment company but for Section 3(c)(1) or 3(c)(7) of the Act. A complete list of the Existing Affiliated Funds is included in **Schedule A**.

III. ORDER REQUESTED

Applicants respectfully request an Order of the Commission under Sections 17(d) and 57(i) and Rule 17d-1 thereunder to permit, subject to the terms and conditions set forth below in this Application (the "*Conditions*"), a Regulated Fund and one or more other Regulated Funds and/or one or more Affiliated Funds to enter into Co-Investment Transactions with each other.

The Regulated Funds and the Affiliated Funds seek relief to enter into Co-Investment Transactions because such Co-Investment Transactions would otherwise be prohibited by either or both of Section 17(d) or Section 57(a)(4) and the Rules

under the Act. This Application seeks relief in order to (i) enable the Regulated Funds and Affiliated Funds to avoid, among other things, the practical commercial and/or economic difficulties of trying to structure, negotiate and persuade counterparties to enter into transactions while awaiting the granting of the relief requested in individual applications with respect to each Co-Investment Transaction that arises in the future and (ii) enable the Regulated Funds and the Affiliated Funds to avoid the significant legal and other expenses that would be incurred in preparing such individual applications.

Similar to the standard precedent used for the majority of co-investment applications (the "Standard Precedent"), Applicants seek relief that would permit Co-Investment Transactions in the form of initial investments, Follow-On Investments and Dispositions of investments in an issuer. In these cases, the terms and Conditions of this Application would govern the entire lifecycle of an investment with respect to a particular issuer, including both the initial investment and any subsequent transactions. Unlike the Standard Precedent, Applicants also seek the ability to make Follow-On Investments and Dispositions in issuers where the Regulated Funds and Affiliated Funds did not make their initial investments in reliance on the Order. Applicants seek this flexibility because the Regulated Funds and Affiliated Funds may, at times, invest in the same issuer without engaging in a prohibited joint transaction but then find that subsequent transactions with that issuer would be prohibited under the Act. Through the proposed "onboarding process," discussed below, Applicants would, under certain circumstances, be permitted to rely on the Order to complete subsequent Co-Investment Transactions. In Section A.1. below, Applicants first discuss the overall investment process that would apply to initial investments under the Order as well as subsequent transactions with issuers. In Sections A.3. and A.4. below, Applicants discuss additional procedures that apply to Follow-On Investments and Dispositions, including the onboarding process that applies when initial investments were made without relying on the Order.

A. Overview

Each The Advisers is are presented with a substantial number of investment opportunities each year on behalf of its clients and must determine how to allocate those opportunities in a manner that, over time, is fair and equitable to all of its clients, and without violating the prohibitions on joint transactions included in rule 17d-1 and section 57(a)(4) of the Act. Such investment opportunities may be Potential Co-Investment Transactions.

Applicants discuss the need for the requested relief in greater detail in Section III.C below.

The Applicants represent that each Adviser has established rigorous processes for allocating initial investment opportunities, opportunities for subsequent investment in an issuer and dispositions of securities holdings reasonably designed to treat all clients fairly and equitably. As discussed below, these processes will be extended and modified in a manner reasonably designed to ensure that the additional transactions permitted under the Order will both (i) be fair and equitable to the Regulated Funds and Affiliated Funds and (ii) comply with the Conditions contained in the Order.

1. The Investment Process

The investment process consists of three stages: (i) the identification and consideration of investment opportunities (including follow-on investment opportunities); (ii) order placement and allocation; and (iii) consideration by each applicable Regulated Fund's Board when a Potential Co-Investment Transaction is being considered by one or more Regulated Funds, as provided by the Order.

(a) <u>Identification and Consideration of Investment Opportunities</u>

Opportunities for Potential Co-Investment Transactions may arise when investment advisory personnel of an Adviser becomes aware of investment opportunities that may be appropriate for one or more Regulated Funds and one or more Affiliated Funds. If the requested Order is granted, the Adviser will establish, maintain and implement policies and procedures reasonably designed to ensure that, when such opportunities arise, the Adviser to the relevant Regulated Funds is promptly notified and receives the same information about the opportunity as any other Adviser considering the opportunity for its clients. In particular, consistent with Condition 1, if a Potential Co-Investment Transaction falls within the then-current Objectives and Strategies and any Board-Established Criteria of a Regulated Fund, the policies and procedures will require that the Adviser to such Regulated Fund receives sufficient information to allow such Adviser's investment committee to make its independent determination and recommendations under Conditions 1, 2(a), 6, 7, 8 and 9 (as applicable)⁹². In addition, the policies and

Representatives of the Adviser to a Regulated Fund will be members of each investment committee or otherwise entitled to participate in each meeting of any investment committee that is expected to approve or reject recommended investment opportunities falling within its Regulated Funds' Objectives and Strategies and Board-Established Criteria. Accordingly, the policies and procedures may provide, for example, that the Adviser will receive the information required under Condition 1 in conjunction with its representatives' participation in the relevant investment committee's meetings. The allocation memorandum

procedures will specify the individuals or roles responsible for carrying out the policies and procedures, including ensuring that the Adviser receive such information. After receiving notification of a Potential Co-Investment Transaction under Condition 1(a), the Adviser to each applicable Regulated Fund will then make an independent determination of the appropriateness of the investment for the Regulated Fund in light of the Regulated Fund's then-current circumstances.

Applicants represent that, if the requested Order is granted, the investment advisory personnel of the Adviser to the Regulated Funds will be charged with making sure they identify, and participate in this process with respect to, each investment opportunity that falls within the Objectives and Strategies and Board Established Criteria of each Regulated Fund. Applicants assert that the Adviser's allocation policies and procedures are structured so that the relevant investment advisory personnel for each Regulated Fund will be promptly notified of all Potential Co-Investment Transactions that fall within the then current Objectives and Strategies and Board Established Criteria of such Regulated Fund.

(b) Order Placement and Allocation

General. If the Adviser to a Regulated Fund deems the Regulated Fund's participation in any Potential Co-Investment Transaction to be appropriate, it will formulate a recommendation regarding the proposed order amount for the Regulated Fund. In doing so, the Adviser may consider such factors, among others, as investment guidelines, issuer, industry and geographical concentration, availability of cash and other opportunities for which cash is needed, tax considerations, leverage covenants, regulatory constraints (such as requirements under the Act), investment horizon, potential liquidity needs, and the Regulated Fund's risk concentration policies.

Allocation Procedure. For each Regulated Fund and Affiliated Fund whose Adviser recommends participating in a Potential Co-Investment Transaction, the Adviser's investment committee will approve an investment amount to be allocated to each Regulated Fund and/or Affiliated Fund participating in the Potential Co-Investment Transaction. Prior to the External Submission (as defined below), each proposed order amount may be reviewed and adjusted, in accordance with the Adviser's written allocation policies and procedures, by the Adviser's investment committee. The order of a Regulated Fund or Affiliated Fund resulting from this process is referred to as its "Internal Order". The Internal Order will be submitted for approval by the Required Majority of any participating Regulated Funds in accordance with the Conditions and as discussed in Section III.A.1.c below.

If the aggregate Internal Orders for a Potential Co-Investment Transaction do not exceed the size of the investment opportunity immediately prior to the submission of the orders to the underwriter, broker, dealer or issuer, as applicable (the "External Submission"), then each Internal Order will be fulfilled as placed. If, on the other hand, the aggregate Internal Orders for a Potential Co-Investment Transaction exceed the size of the investment opportunity immediately prior to the External Submission, then the allocation of the opportunity will be made pro rata on the basis of the size of the Internal Orders. If, subsequent to such External Submission, the size of the opportunity is increased or decreased, or if the terms of such opportunity, or the facts and circumstances applicable to the Regulated Funds' or the Affiliated Funds' consideration of the opportunity, change, the participants will be permitted to submit revised Internal Orders in accordance with written allocation policies and procedures that anthe Advisers will establish, implement and maintain. The Board of the Regulated Fund will then either approve or disapprove of the investment opportunity in accordance with Condition 2, 6, 7, 8 or 9, as applicable.

<u>Compliance</u>. Applicants represent that the Adviser-2s' allocation review process will be a robust process designed as part of its their overall compliance policies and procedures to ensure that every client is treated fairly and that the Advisers is are following its their allocation policies. The entire allocation process will be monitored and reviewed by the compliance team, led by the chief compliance officer, and approved by the Board of each Regulated Fund.

(c) Approval of Potential Co-Investment Transactions

A Regulated Fund will enter into a Potential Co-Investment Transaction with one or more other Regulated Funds and/or Affiliated Funds only if, prior to the Regulated Fund's participation in the Potential Co-Investment Transaction, the Required Majority approves it in accordance with the Conditions of this Order.

for each Potential Co-Investment Transaction will document the recommendations by the investment committee.

The reason for any such adjustment to a proposed order amount will be documented in writing and preserved in the records of the Advisers.

The Adviser will maintain records of all proposed order amounts, Internal Orders and External Submissions in conjunction with Potential Co-Investment Transactions. Each applicable Adviser will provide the Eligible Trustees with information concerning the Affiliated Fund's and Regulated Funds' order sizes to assist the Eligible Trustees with their review of the applicable Regulated Fund's investments for compliance with the Conditions.

A Regulated Fund may participate in Pro Rata Dispositions (defined below) and Pro Rata Follow-On Investments (defined below) without obtaining prior approval of the Required Majority in accordance with Conditions 6(c)(i) and 8(b)(i).

2. Delayed Settlement

All Regulated Funds and Affiliated Funds participating in a Co-Investment Transaction will invest at the same time, for the same price and with the same terms, conditions, class, registration rights and any other rights, so that none of them receives terms more favorable than any other. However, the settlement date for the Affiliated Fund in a Co-Investment Transaction may occur up to ten business days after the settlement date for a Regulated Fund, and vice versa. Nevertheless, in all cases, (i) the date on which the commitment of the Affiliated Funds and Regulated Funds is made will be the same even where the settlement date is not and (ii) the earliest settlement date and the latest settlement date of any Affiliated Fund or Regulated Fund participating in the transaction will occur within ten business days of each other.

3. Permitted Follow-On Investments and Approval of Follow-On Investments

From time to time, the Regulated Funds and Affiliated Funds may have opportunities to make Follow-On Investments in an issuer in which a Regulated Fund and one or more other Regulated Funds and/or Affiliated Funds previously have invested and continue to hold an investment. If the Order is granted, Follow-On Investments will be made in a manner that, over time, is fair and equitable to all of the Regulated Funds and the Affiliated Funds and in accordance with the proposed procedures discussed above and with the Conditions of the Order. The Order, if granted, would permit Affiliated Funds to participate in Follow-On Investments in issuers in which at least one Regulated Fund is invested, but such Affiliated Funds are not invested. This relief would not permit Follow-On Investments by Regulated Funds that are not invested in the issuer.

The Order would divide Follow-On Investments into two categories depending on whether the Regulated Funds and Affiliated Funds holding investments in the issuer previously participated in a Co-Investment Transaction with respect to the issuer and continue to hold any securities acquired in a Co-Investment Transaction for that issuer. If such Regulated Funds and Affiliated Funds have previously participated in a Co-Investment Transaction with respect to the issuer, then the terms and approval of the Follow-On Investment would be subject to the process discussed in Section III.A.3.a. below and governed by Condition 8. These Follow-On Investments are referred to as "Standard Review Follow-Ons." If such Regulated Funds and Affiliated Funds hold-Pre Boarding Investments and have not previously participated in a Co-Investment Transaction with respect to the issuer, then the terms and approval of the Follow-On Investment would be subject to the "onboarding process" discussed in Section III.A.3.b. below and governed by Condition 9. These Follow-On Investments are referred to as "Enhanced Review Follow-Ons."

(a) Standard Review Follow-Ons

A Regulated Fund may invest in Standard Review Follow-Ons either with the approval of the Required Majority using the procedures required under Condition 8(c) or, where certain additional requirements are met, without Board approval under Condition 8(b).

A Regulated Fund may participate in a Standard Review Follow-On without obtaining the prior approval of the Required Majority if it is (i) a Pro Rata Follow-On Investment or (ii) a Non-Negotiated Follow-On Investment.

A "*Pro Rata Follow-On Investment*" is a Follow-On Investment (i) in which the participation of each Affiliated Fund and each Regulated Fund is proportionate to its outstanding investments in the issuer or security, as appropriate, ¹² immediately preceding the Follow-On Investment, and (ii) in the case of a Regulated Fund, a majority of the Board has approved the Regulated Fund's participation in the pro rata Follow-On Investments as being in the best interests of the Regulated Fund. The Regulated Fund's Board may refuse to approve, or at any time rescind, suspend or qualify, its approval of Pro Rata Follow-On Investments, in which case all subsequent Follow-On Investments will be submitted to the Regulated Fund's Eligible Trustees in accordance with Condition 8(c).

A "Non-Negotiated Follow-On Investment" is a Follow-On Investment in which a Regulated Fund participates together with one or more Affiliated Funds and/or one or more other Regulated Funds (i) in which the only term negotiated by or on behalf of the funds is price and (ii) with respect to which, if the transaction were considered on its own, the funds would be entitled to rely on one of the JT No-Action Letters.

Applicants believe that these Pro Rata and Non-Negotiated Follow-On Investments do not present a significant

⁴²¹² See note 28, below.

opportunity for overreaching on the part of any Adviser and thus do not warrant the time or the attention of the Board. Pro Rata Follow-On Investments and Non-Negotiated Follow-On Investments remain subject to the Board's periodic review in accordance with Condition 10.

(b) Enhanced Review Follow-Ons

One or more Regulated Funds and/or one or more Affiliated Funds holding Pre-Boarding Investments may have the opportunity to make a Follow-On Investment that is a Potential Co-Investment Transaction in an issuer with respect to which they have not previously participated in a Co-Investment Transaction. In these cases, the Regulated Funds and Affiliated Funds may rely on the Order to make such Follow-On Investment subject to the requirements of Condition 9. These enhanced review requirements constitute an "onboarding process" whereby Regulated Funds and Affiliated Funds may utilize the Order to participate in Co-Investment Transactions even though they already hold Pre-Boarding Investments. For a given issuer, the participating Regulated Funds and Affiliated Funds need to comply with these requirements only for the first Co-Investment Transaction. Subsequent Co-Investment Transactions with respect to the issuer will be governed by Condition 8 under the standard review process.

4. Dispositions

The Regulated Funds and Affiliated Funds may be presented with opportunities to sell, exchange or otherwise dispose of securities in a transaction that would be prohibited by Rule 17d-1 or Section 57(a)(4), as applicable. If the Order is granted, such Dispositions will be made in a manner that, over time, is fair and equitable to all of the Regulated and Affiliated Funds and in accordance with procedures set forth in the proposed Conditions to the Order and discussed below.

The Order would divide these Dispositions into two categories: (i) if the Regulated Funds and the Affiliated Funds holding investments in the issuer have previously participated in a Co-Investment Transaction with respect to the issuer and continue to hold any securities acquired in a Co-Investment Transaction for such issuer, then the terms and approval of the Disposition (hereinafter referred to as "Standard Review Dispositions") would be subject to the process discussed in Section III.A.4.a. below and governed by Condition 6; and (ii) if the Regulated Funds and Affiliated Funds have not previously participated in a Co-Investment Transaction with respect to the issuer, then the terms and approval of the Disposition (hereinafter referred to as "Enhanced Review Dispositions") would be subject to the same "onboarding process" discussed in Section III.A.4.b. below and governed by Condition 7.

(a) Standard Review Dispositions

A Regulated Fund may participate in a Standard Review Disposition either with the approval of the Required Majority using the standard procedures required under Condition 6(d) or, where certain additional requirements are met, without Board approval under Condition 6(c).

A Regulated Fund may participate in a Standard Review Disposition without obtaining the prior approval of the Required Majority if (i) the Disposition is a Pro Rata Disposition or (ii) the securities are Tradable Securities and the Disposition meets the other requirements of Condition 6(c)(ii).

A "*Pro Rata Disposition*" is a Disposition (i) in which the participation of each Affiliated Fund and each Regulated Fund is proportionate to its outstanding investment in the security subject to Disposition immediately preceding the Disposition; ¹³ and (ii) in the case of a Regulated Fund, a majority of the Board has approved the Regulated Fund's participation in pro rata Dispositions as being in the best interests of the Regulated Fund. The Regulated Fund's Board may refuse to approve, or at any time rescind, suspend or qualify, their approval of Pro Rata Dispositions, in which case all subsequent Dispositions will be submitted to the Regulated Fund's Eligible Trustees.

In the case of a Tradable Security, approval of the required majority is not required for the Disposition if: (x) the Disposition is not to the issuer or any affiliated person of the issuer; ¹⁴14 and (y) the security is sold for cash in a transaction in which the only term negotiated by or on behalf of the participating Regulated Funds and Affiliated Funds is price. Pro Rata Dispositions and Dispositions of a Tradable Security remain subject to the Board's periodic review in accordance with Condition 10.

⁴³¹³ See note 2628, below.

¹⁴¹⁴ In the case of a Tradable Security, Dispositions to the issuer or an affiliated person of the issuer are not permitted so that funds participating in the Disposition do not benefit to the detriment of Regulated Funds that remain invested in the issuer. For example, if a Disposition of a Tradable Security were permitted to be made to the issuer, the issuer may be reducing its short-term assets (i.e., cash) to pay down long term liabilities.

(b) Enhanced Review Dispositions

One or more Regulated Funds and one or more Affiliated Funds that have not previously participated in a Co-Investment Transaction with respect to an issuer may have the opportunity to make a Disposition of Pre-Boarding Investments in a Potential Co-Investment Transaction. In these cases, the Regulated Funds and Affiliated Funds may rely on the Order to make such Disposition subject to the requirements of Condition 7. As discussed above, with respect to investment in a given issuer, the participating Regulated Funds and Affiliated Funds need only complete the onboarding process for the first Co-Investment Transaction, which may be an Enhanced Review Follow-On or an Enhanced Review Disposition. Subsequent Co-Investment Transactions with respect to the issuer will be governed by Condition 6 or 8 under the standard review process.

5. Use of Wholly Owned Investment Subs

A Regulated Fund may, from time to time, form one or more Wholly-Owned Investment Subs. Such a subsidiary may be prohibited from investing in a Co-Investment Transaction with a Regulated Fund (other than its parent) or any Affiliated Fund because it would be a company controlled by its parent Regulated Fund for purposes of Section 57(a)(4) and Rule 17d-1. Applicants request that each Wholly-Owned Investment Sub be permitted to participate in Co-Investment Transactions in lieu of the applicable parent Regulated Fund that owns it and that the Wholly-Owned Investment Sub's participation in any such transaction be treated, for purposes of the Order, as though the parent Regulated Fund were participating directly.

B. Applicable Law

1. Section 17(d) and Section 57(a)(4)

Section 17(d) of the Act generally prohibits an affiliated person (as defined in Section 2(a)(3) of the Act), or an affiliated person of such affiliated person, of a registered investment company acting as principal, from effecting any transaction in which the registered investment company is a joint or a joint and several participant, in contravention of such rules as the Commission may prescribe for the purpose of limiting or preventing participation by the registered investment company on a basis different from or less advantageous than that of such other participant.

Similarly, with regard to BDCs, Section 57(a)(4) prohibits certain persons specified in Section 57(b) from participating in a joint transaction with the BDC, or a company controlled by the BDC, in contravention of rules as prescribed by the Commission. In particular, Section 57(a)(4) applies to:

- Any director, officer, employee, or member of an advisory board of a BDC or any person (other than the BDC itself) who is an affiliated person of the forgoing pursuant to Section 2(a)(3)(C); or
- Any investment adviser or promoter of, general partner in, principal underwriter for, or person directly or indirectly either controlling, controlled by, or under common control with, a BDC (except the BDC itself and any person who, if it were not directly or indirectly controlled by the BDC, would not be directly or indirectly under the control of a person who controls the BDC); 1616 or any person who is an affiliated person of any of the forgoing within the meaning of Section 2(a)(3)(C) or (D).

Section 2(a)(3)(C) defines an "affiliated person" of another person to include any person directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by, or under common control with, such other person. Section 2(a)(3)(D) defines "any officer, director, partner, copartner, or employee" of an affiliated person as an affiliated person. Section 2(a)(9) defines "control" as the power to exercise a controlling influence over the management or policies of a company, unless such power is solely the result of an official position with that company. Under Section 2(a)(9) a person who beneficially owns, either directly or through one or more controlled companies, more than 25% of the voting securities of a company is presumed to control such company. The Commission and its staff have indicated on a number of occasions their belief that an investment adviser that provides

⁴⁵¹⁵ However, with respect to an issuer, if a Regulated Fund's first Co-Investment Transaction is an Enhanced Review Disposition, and the Regulated Fund does not dispose of its entire position in the Enhanced Review Disposition, then before such Regulated Fund may complete its first Standard Review Follow-On in such issuer, the Eligible Trustees must review the proposed Follow-On Investment not only on a stand-alone basis but also in relation to the total economic exposure in such issuer (i.e., in combination with the portion of the Pre-Boarding Investment not disposed of in the Enhanced Review Disposition), and the other terms of the investments. This additional review is required because such findings were not required in connection with the prior Enhanced Review Disposition, but they would have been required had the first Co-Investment Transaction been an Enhanced Review Follow-On.

⁴⁶16 Also excluded from this category by Rule 57b-1 is any person who would otherwise be included (a) solely because that person is directly or indirectly controlled by a BDC, or (b) solely because that person is, within the meaning of Section 2(a)(3)(C) or (D), an affiliated person of a person described in (a) above.

discretionary investment management services to a fund and that sponsored, selected the initial directors, and provides administrative or other non-advisory services to the fund, controls such fund, absent compelling evidence to the contrary. 1717

2. Rule 17d-1

Rule 17d-1 generally prohibits an affiliated person (as defined in Section 2(a)(3)), or an affiliated person of such affiliated person, of a registered investment company acting as principal, from effecting any transaction in which the registered investment company, or a company controlled by such registered company, is a joint or a joint and several participant, in contravention of such rules as the Commission may prescribe for the purpose of limiting or preventing participation by the registered investment company on a basis different from or less advantageous than that of such first or second tier affiliate. Rule 17d-1 generally prohibits participation by a registered investment company and an affiliated person (as defined in Section 2(a)(3)) or principal underwriter for that investment company, or an affiliated person of such affiliated person or principal underwriter, in any "joint enterprise or other joint arrangement or profit-sharing plan," as defined in the rule, without prior approval by the Commission by order upon application.

Rule 17d-1 was promulgated by the Commission pursuant to Section 17(d) and made applicable to persons subject to Sections 57(a) and (d) by Section 57(i) to the extent specified therein. Section 57(i) provides that, until the Commission prescribes rules under Sections 57(a) and (d), the Commission's rules under Section 17(d) applicable to registered closed-end investment companies will be deemed to apply to persons subject to the prohibitions of Section 57(a) or (d). Because the Commission has not adopted any rules under Section 57(a) or (d), Rule 17d-1 applies to persons subject to the prohibitions of Section 57(a) or (d).

Applicants seek relief pursuant to Rule 17d-1, which permits the Commission to authorize joint transactions upon application. In passing upon applications filed pursuant to Rule 17d-1, the Commission is directed by Rule 17d-1(b) to consider whether the participation of a registered investment company or controlled company thereof in the joint enterprise or joint arrangement under scrutiny is consistent with provisions, policies and purposes of the Act and the extent to which such participation is on a basis different from or less advantageous than that of other participants.

The Commission has stated that Section 17(d), upon which Rule 17d-1 is based, and upon which Section 57(a)(4) was modeled, was designed to protect investment companies from self-dealing and overreaching by insiders. The Commission has also taken notice that there may be transactions subject to these prohibitions that do not present the dangers of overreaching. The Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit has enunciated a like rationale for the purpose behind Section 17(d): "The objective of [Section] 17(d)...is to prevent...injuring the interest of stockholders of registered investment companies by causing the company to participate on a basis different from or less advantageous than that of such other participants." Furthermore, Congress acknowledged that the protective system established by the enactment of Section 57 is "similar to that applicable to registered investment companies under Section 17, and rules thereunder, but is modified to address concerns relating to unique characteristics presented by business development companies." 20

Applicants believe that the Conditions would ensure that the conflicts of interest that Section 17(d) and Section 57(a)(4) were designed to prevent would be addressed and the standards for an order under Rule 17d-1 and Section 57(i) would be met.

C. Need for Relief

Co-Investment Transactions are prohibited by either or both of Rule 17d-1 and Section 57(a)(4) without a prior exemptive order of the Commission to the extent that the Affiliated Funds and the Regulated Funds participating in such transactions fall within the category of persons described by Rule 17d-1 and/or Section 57(b), as modified by Rule 57b-1 thereunder, as applicable, vis-à-vis each participating Regulated Fund.

Each of the participating Regulated Funds and Affiliated The Advisers are Privacore and Partners. Privacore is the investment adviser to the Existing Regulated Funds, and Partners is the investment sub-adviser to the Existing Regulated Funds.

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⁴⁷¹⁷ See, e.g., SEC Rel. No. IC-4697 (Sept. 8, 1966) ("For purposes of Section 2(a)(3)(C), affiliation based upon control would depend on the facts of the given situation, including such factors as extensive interlocks of officers, directors or key personnel, common investment advisers or underwriters, etc."); Lazard Freres Asset Management, SEC No-Action Letter (pub. avail. Jan. 10, 1997) ("While, in some circumstances, the nature of an advisory relationship may give an adviser control over its client's management or policies, whether an investment company and another entity are under common control is a factual question...").

⁴⁸¹⁸ See Protecting Investors: A Half-Century of Investment Company Regulation, 1504 Fed. Sec. L. Rep., Extra Edition (May 29, 1992) at 488 et seq.

⁴⁹¹⁹ Securities and Exchange Commission v. Talley Industries, Inc., 399 F.2d 396, 405 (2d Cir. 1968), cert. denied, 393 U.S. 1015 (1969).

²⁴²⁰ H.Rep. No. 96-1341, 96th Cong., 2d Sess. 45 (1980) reprinted in 1980 U.S.C.C.A.N. 4827.

The Future Regulated Funds will be advised (and sub-advised, if applicable) by a Partners Adviser. An Adviser may be deemed to control an Existing Regulated Fund, any other Adviser will be controlling, controlled by, or under common control with either Privacore or Partners. In addition, Partners is investment adviser or portfolio manager to each of the Existing Affiliated Funds. The Future Affiliated Funds will be advised (and sub-advised, if applicable) or managed by a Partners Adviser. The Regulated Funds may be deemed to be under common control, and thus affiliated persons vis-à vis a Regulated Fund within the meaning of of each other under Section 2(a)(3) by reason of common control because (i) First Trust is the investment adviser to, and may be deemed to control, each of the Existing Regulated Funds and an Adviser to the Regulated Funds will be the investment adviser to, and may be deemed to control, any Future Regulated Fund; (ii) First Trust and VCM (in the case of Cornerstone) manage, and may be deemed to control, Existing(C) of the Act. In addition, the Affiliated Funds and any other Affiliated Funds and an Adviser to Regulated Funds are under common control with the Regulated Funds, and thus affiliated persons of each Regulated Fund under Section 2(a)(3)(C) of the Act. Each of the Affiliated Funds could be deemed to be a person related to the Regulated Funds in a manner described by Section 57(b) and related to the other Regulated Funds in a manner described by Rule 17d-1; and therefore, the prohibitions of Rule 17d-1 and Section 57(a)(4) would apply respectively to prohibit the Affiliated Funds from participating in Co-Investment Transactions with the Regulated Funds.

In addition, because the First TrustPartners Proprietary Accounts are controlled by an Adviser or its affiliates and Partners, therefore, may be under common control with the Existing Regulated Funds, any Future Advisers, and any Future Regulated Funds, and the First TrustPartners Proprietary Accounts could be deemed to be persons related to the Regulated Funds (or a company controlled by the Regulated Funds) in a manner described by Section 17(d) or Section 57(b) and also prohibited from participating in the Co-Investment Program. Each Regulated Fund would also be related to each other in a manner described by 57(b) or rule 17d-1, as applicable, and thus prohibited from participating in Co-Investment Transactions with each other.

D. Precedents

The Commission has issued numerous exemptive orders under the Act permitting registered investment companies and BDCs to co-invest with affiliated persons, including precedents involving proprietary accounts. The relief requested in this Application with respect to Follow-On Investments is based on the temporary relief granted by the Commission on April 8, 2020 and subsequent exemptive relief. Applicants submit that the allocation procedures set forth in the Conditions for relief are consistent with and expand the range of investor protections found in the cited orders.

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²⁴²¹ See, e.g., Goldman Sachs BDC, Inc., et al. (File No. 812-15237) Release No. IC-34533 (Mar. 15, 2022) (notice), Release No. IC-34753 (Nov. 16, 2022) (order); PennantPark Investment Advisers, LLC, et al. (File No. 812-15305) Release No. IC-34723 (Oct. 3, 2022) (notice), Release No. IC-34742 (Oct. 28, 2022) (order); John Hancock Asset-Based LendingFirst Trust Real Assets Fund, et al. (File, No. 812-15286) Release No. IC-34690 (Aug. 29, 2022) (notice), Release No. IC-34718 (Sept. 26, 2022) (order); Brightwood Capital Corporation I812-15381) Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 35064 (February 28, 2024) and 35150 (March 26, 2024); John Hancock GA Mortgage Trust, et al. (File No. 812-15287) Release No. IC-34680 (Aug. 22, 2022) (notice), Release No. IC-34680 (Aug. 22, 34704 (Sept. 19, 2022) (order); CION Investment Corporation, et al. (File No. 812-14387) Release No. IC-34662 (Aug. 4, 2022) (notice), Release No. IC-34662 (Aug 34693 (Aug. 30, 2022) (order); Cypress Creek Private Strategies Master Fund, L.P., et al. (File No. 812-15283) Release No. IC-34645 (July 11, 2022) (notice), Release No. IC-34666 (Aug. 8, 2022) (order); Sixth Street Specialty Lending 812-15458) Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 35050 (November 16, 2023) and 35064 (December 12, 2023); Kayne Anderson Energy Infrastructure Fund, Inc., et al. (File No. 812-15090) Release No. IC-34644 (July 8, 2022) (notice), Release No. IC-34660 (Aug. 3, 2022) (order); Lafayette Square Empire BDC, 812-15392) Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 35046 (November 6, 2023) and 35062 (December 4, 2023); Nomura Alternative Income Fund., et al. (File No. 812-15439) Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 35045 (November 3, 2023) and 35062 (November 29, 2023); 26North BDC et al. (File No. 812-15398) Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 35036 (October 24, 2023) and 35049 (November 15, 2023); Brookfield Infrastructure Income Fund Inc., et al. (File No. 812-15208) Release No. IC-34590 (May 20, 2022) (notice), Release No. IC-34617 (June 15, 2022) (order); AFC BDC 812-15415) Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 35001 (September 20, 2023) and 35032 (October 17, 2023); Onex Falcon Direct Lending BDC Fund, et al. (File No. 812-15462) Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 34994 (August 30, 2023) and 35023 (September 26, 2023); T. Rowe Price OHA Select Private Credit Fund, et al. (File No. 812-15461) Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 34963 (July 24, 2023) and 34987 (August 21, 2023); KKR Real Estate Select Trust Inc., et al. (File No. 812-15280) Release No. IC-34577 (May 3, 2022) (notice), Release No. IC-34604 (June 1, 2022) (order); Variant 812-15181) Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 34962 (July 18, 2023) and 34985 (August 15, 2023); MBC Total Private Credit Markets Access Fund, et al. (File No. 812-15422) Investment Company Act Rel Nos. 34953 (June 28, 2023) and 34965 (July 25, 2023); Vista Credit Strategic Lending, et al. (File No. 812-15323) Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 34946 (June 20, 2023) and 34961 (July 18, 2023); Hartford Schroders Private Opportunities Fund, et al. (File No. 812-15304) Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 34915 (May 11, 2023) and 34940 (June 6, 2023); JPM Private Markets Fund, et al. (File No. 812-15396) Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 34914 (May 10, 2023) and 34939 (June 6, 2023); Calamos Aksia Alternative Credit and Income Fund, et al. (File No. 812-15265) Release No. IC-34452 (Dec. 23, 2021) (notice), Release No. IC-34476 (Jan. 19, 2022812-15448) Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 34911 (May 8, 2023) and 34936 (June 2, 2023); Fidelity Private Credit Fund, et al. (File No. 812-15307) Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 34803 (January 11, 2023) (notice) and 34831 (February 13, 2023) (order).

²²²² See, e.g., Varagon Capital Corporation, et al. (File No. 812-15361) Release No. IC- 34766 (Nov. 29, 2022) (notice), Release No. IC- 34788 (Dec. 22, 2022) (order); Stellus Capital Investment Corp., et al. (File No. 812-15255) Release No. IC-34556 (Apr. 11, 2022) (notice), Release No. IC-34579 (May 9, 2022) (order); BlackRock Capital Investment Corp., et al. (File No. 812-15259) Release No. IC-34535 (Mar. 18, 2022) (notice), Release No. IC-34558 (Apr. 14, 2022) (order); BDC Temporary Exemptive Order, Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 33837 (April 8, 2020) (order) (extension granted January 5, 2021 and further extension granted April 22, 2021).

IV. Statement in Support of Relief Requested

In accordance with Rule 17d-1 (made applicable to transactions subject to Section 57(a) by Section 57(i)), the Commission may grant the requested relief as to any particular joint transaction if it finds that the participation of the Regulated Funds in the joint transaction is consistent with the provisions, policies and purposes of the Act and is not on a basis different from or less advantageous than that of other participants. Applicants submit that allowing the Co-Investment Transactions described in this Application is justified on the basis of (i) the potential benefits to the Regulated Funds and the shareholders thereof and (ii) the protections found in the Conditions.

As required by Rule 17d-1(b), the Conditions ensure that the terms on which Co-Investment Transactions may be made will be consistent with the participation of the Regulated Funds being on a basis that it is neither different from nor less advantageous than other participants, thus protecting the equity holders of any participant from being disadvantaged. The Conditions ensure that all Co-Investment Transactions are reasonable and fair to the Regulated Funds and their shareholders and do not involve overreaching by any person concerned, including anthe Advisers.

A. Potential Benefits

In the absence of the relief sought hereby, in many circumstances, the Regulated Funds would be limited in their ability to participate in attractive and appropriate investment opportunities. Section 17(d), Section 57(a)(4) and Rule 17d-1 should not prevent BDCs and registered closed-end investment companies from making investments that are in the best interests of their shareholders.

Each Regulated Fund and its shareholders will benefit from the ability to participate in Co-Investment Transactions. The Board, including the Required Majority, of each Regulated Fund will determine that it is in the best interests of the Regulated Fund to participate in Co-Investment Transactions because, among other matters, (i) the Regulated Fund should be able to participate in a larger number and greater variety of transactions; (ii) the Regulated Fund should be able to participate in larger transactions; (iii) the Regulated Fund should be able to participate in all opportunities approved by a Required Majority or otherwise permissible under the Order rather than risk underperformance through rotational allocation of opportunities among the Regulated Funds; (iv) the Regulated Fund and any other Regulated Funds participating in the proposed investment should have greater bargaining power, more control over the investment and less need to bring in other external investors or structure investments to satisfy the different needs of external investors; (v) the Regulated Fund should be able to obtain greater attention and better deal flow from investment bankers and others who act as sources of investments; and (vi) the Conditions are fair to the Regulated Funds and their shareholders.

B. Protective Representations and Conditions

The Conditions ensure that the proposed Co-Investment Transactions are consistent with the protection of each Regulated Fund's shareholders and with the purposes intended by the policies and provisions of the Act. Specifically, the Conditions incorporate the following critical protections: (i) all Regulated Funds participating in the Co-Investment Transactions will invest at the same time (except that, subject to the limitations in the Conditions, the settlement date for an Affiliated Fund in a Co-Investment Transaction may occur up to ten business days after the settlement date for the Regulated Fund, and vice versa), for the same price and with the same terms, conditions, class, registration rights and any other rights, so that none of them receives terms more favorable than any other; (ii) a Required Majority of each Regulated Fund must approve various investment decisions (not including transactions completed on a pro rata basis pursuant to Conditions 6(c)(i) and 8(b)(i) or otherwise not requiring Board approval) with respect to such Regulated Fund in accordance with the Conditions; and (iii) the Regulated Funds are required to retain and maintain certain records.

Applicants believe that participation by the Regulated Funds in Pro Rata Follow-On Investments and Pro Rata Dispositions, as provided in Conditions 6(c)(i) and 8(b)(i), is consistent with the provisions, policies and purposes of the Act and will not be made on a basis different from or less advantageous than that of other participants. A formulaic approach, such as pro rata investment or disposition eliminates the possibility for overreaching and unnecessary prior review by the Board. Applicants note that the Commission has adopted a similar pro rata approach in the context of Rule 23c-2, which relates to the redemption by a closed-end investment company of less than all of a class of its securities, indicating the general fairness and lack of overreaching that such approach provides.

Applicants also believe that the participation by the Regulated Funds in Non-Negotiated Follow-On Investments and in Dispositions of Tradable Securities without the approval of a Required Majority is consistent with the provisions, policies and purposes of the Act as there is no opportunity for overreaching by affiliates.

If an Adviser, its principals, or any person controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the Adviser or its principals, and the Affiliated Funds (collectively, the "*Holders*") own in the aggregate more than 25 percent of the outstanding voting shares of a Regulated Fund (the "*Shares*"), then the Holders will vote such Shares as required under Condition 15.

In sum, Applicants believe that the Conditions would ensure that each Regulated Fund that participates in any type of Co-Investment Transaction does not participate on a basis different from, or less advantageous than, that of such other participants for purposes of Section 17(d) or Section 57(a)(4) and the Rules under the Act. As a result, Applicants believe that the participation of the Regulated Funds in Co-Investment Transactions in accordance with the Conditions would be consistent with the provisions, policies, and purposes of the Act, and would be done in a manner that was not different from, or less advantageous than, the other participants.

D. Conditions

Applicants agree that any Order granting the requested relief shall be subject to the following conditions:

1. Identification and Referral of Potential Co-Investment Transactions

(a) <u>Each The Advisers</u> will establish, maintain and implement policies and procedures reasonably designed to ensure that <u>theeach Adviser</u> is promptly notified of all Potential Co-Investment Transactions that fall within the then-current Objectives and Strategies and Board-Established Criteria of any Regulated Fund the Adviser manages.

(b) When an Adviser to a Regulated Fund is notified of a Potential Co-Investment Transaction under Condition 1(a), the Adviser will make an independent determination of the appropriateness of the investment for the Regulated Fund in light of the Regulated Fund's then-current circumstances.

2. Board Approvals of Co-Investment Transactions

(a) If an Adviser deems a Regulated Fund's participation in any Potential Co-Investment Transaction to be appropriate for the Regulated Fund, it will then determine an appropriate level of investment for the Regulated Fund.

(b) If the aggregate amount recommended by an Adviser to be invested in the Potential Co-Investment Transaction by the participating Regulated Funds and any participating Affiliated Funds, collectively, exceeds the amount of the investment opportunity, the investment opportunity will be allocated among them pro rata based on the size of the Internal Orders, as described in Section III.A.1.b. above. The Each Adviser to a participating Regulated Fund will promptly notify and provide the Eligible Trustees with information concerning the Affiliated Funds' and Regulated Funds' order sizes to assist the Eligible Trustees with their review of the applicable Regulated Fund's investments for compliance with these Conditions.

(c) After making the determinations required in Condition 1(b) above, the ach Adviser to a participating Regulated Fund will distribute written information concerning the Potential Co-Investment Transaction (including the amount proposed to be invested by each participating Regulated Fund and each participating Affiliated Fund) to the Eligible Trustees of its participating Regulated Fund(s) for their consideration. A Regulated Fund will enter into a Co-Investment Transaction with one or more other Regulated Funds or the Affiliated Funds only if, prior to the Regulated Fund's participation in the Potential Co-Investment Transaction, a Required Majority concludes that:

(i) the terms of the transaction, including the consideration to be paid, are reasonable and fair to the Regulated Fund and its shareholders and do not involve overreaching in respect of the Regulated Fund or its shareholders on the part of any person concerned;

(ii) the transaction is consistent with:

- (A) the interests of the Regulated Fund's shareholders; and
- (B) the Regulated Fund's then-current Objectives and Strategies;

(iii) the investment by any other Regulated Fund(s) or Affiliated Fund(s) would not disadvantage the Regulated Fund, and participation by the Regulated Fund would not be on a basis different from, or less

advantageous than, that of any other Regulated Fund(s) or Affiliated Fund(s) participating in the transaction; <u>provided</u> that the Required Majority shall not be prohibited from reaching the conclusions required by this Condition 2(c)(iii) if:

(A) the settlement date for another Regulated Fund or an Affiliated Fund in a Co-Investment Transaction is later than the settlement date for the Regulated Fund by no more than ten business days or earlier than the settlement date for the Regulated Fund by no more than ten business days, in either case, so long as: (x) the date on which the commitment of the Affiliated Fund and Regulated Funds is made is the same; and (y) the earliest settlement date and the latest settlement date of any Affiliated Fund or Regulated Fund participating in the transaction will occur within ten business days of each other; or

(B) any other Regulated Fund or Affiliated Fund, but not the Regulated Fund itself, gains the right to nominate a director for election to a portfolio company's board of directors, the right to have a board observer or any similar right to participate in the governance or management of the portfolio company so long as: (x) the Eligible Trustees will have the right to ratify the selection of such director or board observer, if any; (y) the Adviser agrees to, and does, provide periodic reports to the Regulated Fund's Board with respect to the actions of such director or the information received by such board observer or obtained through the exercise of any similar right to participate in the governance or management of the portfolio company; and (z) any fees or other compensation that any other Regulated Fund or Affiliated Fund or any affiliated person of any other Regulated Fund or Affiliated Fund receives in connection with the right of one or more Regulated Funds or Affiliated Funds to nominate a director or appoint a board observer or otherwise to participate in the governance or management of the portfolio company will be shared proportionately among any participating Affiliated Funds (who may, in turn, share their portion with their affiliated persons) and any participating Regulated Fund(s) in accordance with the amount of each such party's investment; and

(iv) the proposed investment by the Regulated Fund will not involve compensation, remuneration or a direct or indirect 2323 financial benefit to anthe Advisers, any other Regulated Fund, the Affiliated Funds or any affiliated person of any of them (other than the parties to the Co-Investment Transaction), except (A) to the extent permitted by Condition 14, (B) to the extent permitted by Section 17(e) or 57(k), as applicable, (C) indirectly, as a result of an interest in the securities issued by one of the parties to the Co-Investment Transaction, or (D) in the case of fees or other compensation described in Condition 2(c)(iii)(B)(z).

- 3. <u>Right to Decline</u>. Each Regulated Fund has the right to decline to participate in any Potential Co-Investment Transaction or to invest less than the amount proposed.
- 4. <u>General Limitation</u>. Except for Follow-On Investments made in accordance with Conditions 8 and 9 below, ²⁴/₂₄ a Regulated Fund will not invest in reliance on the Order in any issuer in which a Related Party has an investment.
- 5. Same Terms and Conditions. A Regulated Fund will not participate in any Potential Co-Investment Transaction unless (i) the terms, conditions, price, class of securities to be purchased, date on which the commitment is entered into and registration rights (if any) will be the same for each participating Regulated Fund and Affiliated Fund and (ii) the earliest settlement date and the latest settlement date of any participating Regulated Fund or Affiliated Fund will occur as close in time as practicable and in no event more than ten business days apart. The grant to one or more Regulated Funds or Affiliated Funds, but not the respective Regulated Fund, of the right to nominate a director for election to a portfolio company's board of directors, the right to have an observer on the board of directors or similar rights to participate in the governance or management of the portfolio company will not be interpreted so as to violate this Condition 5, if Condition 2(c)(iii)(B) is met.

6. Standard Review Dispositions.

(a) *General*. If any Regulated Fund or Affiliated Fund elects to sell, exchange or otherwise dispose of an interest in a security and one or more Regulated Funds and Affiliated Funds have previously participated in a Co-Investment Transaction with respect to the issuer, then:

(i) the Adviser to such Regulated Fund or Affiliated Fund²⁵ will notify each Regulated Fund that holds an investment in the issuer of the proposed Disposition at the earliest practical time; and

²⁴²³ For example, procuring the Regulated Fund's investment in a Potential Co-Investment Transaction to permit an affiliate to complete or obtain better terms in a separate transaction would constitute an indirect financial benefit.

²⁴²⁴ This exception applies only to Follow-On Investments by a Regulated Fund in issuers in which that Regulated Fund already holds investments.

²⁶²⁵ Any First Trust Partners Proprietary Account that is not advised by an Adviser is itself deemed to be an Adviser for purposes of Conditions 6(a)(i), 7(a)(i), 8(a)(i), and 9(a)(i).

(ii) the Adviser to each Regulated Fund that holds an investment in the issuer will formulate a recommendation as to participation by such Regulated Fund in the Disposition.

- (b) Same Terms and Conditions. Each Regulated Fund will have the right to participate in such Disposition on a proportionate basis, at the same price and on the same terms and conditions as those applicable to the Affiliated Funds and any other Regulated Fund.
- (c) No Board Approval Required. A Regulated Fund may participate in such a Disposition without obtaining prior approval of the Required Majority if:
- (i) (A) the participation of each Regulated Fund and Affiliated Fund in such Disposition is proportionate to its then-current holding of the security (or securities) of the issuer that is (or are) the subject of the Disposition; ²⁶ (B) the Board of the Regulated Fund has approved as being in the best interests of the Regulated Fund the ability to participate in such Dispositions on a pro rata basis (as described in greater detail in the Application); and (C) the Board of the Regulated Fund is provided on a quarterly basis with a list of all Dispositions made in accordance with this Condition; or
- (ii) each security is a Tradable Security and (A) the Disposition is not to the issuer or any affiliated person of the issuer; and (B) the security is sold for cash in a transaction in which the only term negotiated by or on behalf of the participating Regulated Funds and Affiliated Funds is price.
- (d) Standard Board Approval. In all other cases, the Adviser will provide its written recommendation as to the Regulated Fund's participation to the Eligible Trustees and the Regulated Fund will participate in such Disposition solely to the extent that a Required Majority determines that it is in the Regulated Fund's best interests.

7. Enhanced Review Dispositions.

- (a) *General*. If any Regulated Fund or Affiliated Fund elects to sell, exchange or otherwise dispose of a Pre-Boarding Investment in a Potential Co-Investment Transaction and the Regulated Funds and Affiliated Funds have not previously participated in a Co-Investment Transaction with respect to the issuer:
- (i) the Adviser to such Regulated Fund or Affiliated Fund will notify each Regulated Fund that holds an investment in the issuer of the proposed Disposition at the earliest practical time;
- (ii) the Adviser to each Regulated Fund that holds an investment in the issuer will formulate a recommendation as to participation by such Regulated Fund in the Disposition; and
- (iii) the Adviser will provide to the Board of each Regulated Fund that holds an investment in the issuer all information relating to the existing investments in the issuer of the Regulated Funds and Affiliated Fund, including the terms of such investments and how they were made, that is necessary for the Required Majority to make the findings required by this Condition.
- (b) *Enhanced Board Approval*. The Adviser will provide its written recommendation as to the Regulated Fund's participation to the Eligible Trustees, and the Regulated Fund will participate in such Disposition solely to the extent that a Required Majority determines that:
 - (i) the Disposition complies with Condition 2(c)(i), (ii), (iii)(A), and (iv); and
- (ii) the making and holding of the Pre-Boarding Investments were not prohibited by Section 57 or Rule 17d-1, as applicable, and records the basis for the finding in the Board minutes.
 - (c) Additional Requirements: The Disposition may only be completed in reliance on the Order if:

²⁶²⁶ In the case of any Disposition, proportionality will be measured by each participating Regulated Fund's and Affiliated Fund's outstanding investment in the security in question immediately preceding the Disposition.

(i) Same Terms and Conditions. Each Regulated Fund has the right to participate in such Disposition on a proportionate basis, at the same price and on the same terms and Conditions as those applicable to the Affiliated Funds and any other Regulated Fund;

(ii) *Original Investments*. All of the Affiliated Funds' and Regulated Funds' investments in the issuer are Pre-Boarding Investments;

(iii) *Advice of counsel*. Independent counsel to the Board advises that the making and holding of the investments in the Pre-Boarding Investments were not prohibited by Section 57 (as modified by Rule 57b-1) or Rule 17d-1, as applicable;

(iv) Multiple Classes of Securities. All Regulated Funds and Affiliated Funds that hold Pre-Boarding Investments in the issuer immediately before the time of completion of the Co-Investment Transaction hold the same security or securities of the issuer. For the purpose of determining whether the Regulated Funds and Affiliated Funds hold the same security or securities, they may disregard any security held by some but not all of them if, prior to relying on the Order, the Required Majority is presented with all information necessary to make a finding, and finds, that: (x) any Regulated Fund's or Affiliated Fund's holding of a different class of securities (including for this purpose a security with a different maturity date) is immaterial relative to the size of the issuer; and (y) the Board records the basis for any such finding in its minutes. In addition, securities that differ only in respect of issuance date, currency, or denominations may be treated as the same security; and

(v) *No control*. The Affiliated Funds, the other Regulated Funds and their affiliated persons (within the meaning of Section 2(a)(3)(C) of the Act), individually or in the aggregate, do not control the issuer of the securities (within the meaning of Section 2(a)(9) of the Act).

8. Standard Review Follow-Ons.

(a) *General*. If any Regulated Fund or Affiliated Fund desires to make a Follow-On Investment in an issuer and the Regulated Funds and Affiliated Funds holding investments in the issuer previously participated in a Co-Investment Transaction with respect to the issuer:

(i) the Adviser to each such Regulated Fund or Affiliated Fund will notify each Regulated Fund that holds securities of the portfolio company of the proposed transaction at the earliest practical time; and

(ii) the Adviser to each Regulated Fund that holds an investment in the issuer will formulate a recommendation as to the proposed participation, including the amount of the proposed investment, by such Regulated Fund.

(b) No Board Approval Required. A Regulated Fund may participate in the Follow-On Investment without obtaining prior approval of the Required Majority if:

(i) (A) the proposed participation of each Regulated Fund and each Affiliated Fund in such investment is proportionate to its outstanding investments in the issuer or the security at issue, as appropriate, immediately preceding the Follow-On Investment; and (B) the Board of the Regulated Fund has approved as being in the best interests of the Regulated Fund the ability to participate in Follow-On Investments on a pro rata basis (as described in greater detail in this Application); or

(ii) it is a Non-Negotiated Follow-On Investment.

(c) Standard Board Approval. In all other cases, the Adviser will provide its written recommendation as to the Regulated Fund's participation to the Eligible Trustees and the Regulated Fund will participate in such Follow-On Investment solely to the extent that a Required Majority makes the determinations set forth in Condition 2(c). If the only previous Co-Investment Transaction with respect to the issuer was an Enhanced Review Disposition the Eligible

²⁷²⁷ In determining whether a holding is "immaterial" for purposes of the Order, the Required Majority will consider whether the nature and extent of the interest in the transaction or arrangement is sufficiently small that a reasonable person would not believe that the interest affected the determination of whether to enter into the transaction or arrangement or the terms of the transaction or arrangement.

²⁸²⁸ To the extent that a Follow-On Investment opportunity is in a security or arises in respect of a security held by the participating Regulated Funds and any Affiliated Fund, proportionality will be measured by each participating Regulated Fund's and Affiliated Fund's outstanding investment in the security in question immediately preceding the Follow-On Investment using the most recent available valuation thereof. To the extent that a Follow-On Investment opportunity relates to an opportunity to invest in a security that is not in respect of any security held by any of the participating Regulated Funds or any Affiliated Fund, proportionality will be measured by each participating Regulated Fund's and Affiliated Fund's outstanding investment in the issuer immediately preceding the Follow-On Investment using the most recent available valuation thereof.

Trustees must complete this review of the proposed Follow-On Investment both on a stand-alone basis and together with the Pre-Boarding Investments in relation to the total economic exposure and other terms of the investment.

- (d) Allocation. If, with respect to any such Follow-On Investment:
- (i) the amount of the opportunity proposed to be made available to any Regulated Fund is not based on the Regulated Funds' and the Affiliated Funds' outstanding investments in the issuer or the security at issue, as appropriate, immediately preceding the Follow-On Investment; and
- (ii) the aggregate amount recommended by an Adviser to be invested in the Follow-On Investment by the participating Regulated Funds and any participating Affiliated Funds, collectively, exceeds the amount of the investment opportunity, then the Follow-On Investment opportunity will be allocated among them pro rata based on the size of the Internal Orders, as described in Section III.A.1.b. above.
- (e) *Other Conditions*. The acquisition of Follow-On Investments as permitted by this Condition will be considered a Co-Investment Transaction for all purposes and subject to the other Conditions set forth in this application.

9. Enhanced Review Follow-Ons.

- (a) *General*. If any Regulated Fund or Affiliated Fund desires to make a Follow-On Investment in an issuer that is a Potential Co-Investment Transaction and the Regulated Funds and any Affiliated Funds holding investments in the issuer have not previously participated in a Co-Investment Transaction with respect to the issuer:
- (i) the Adviser to each such Regulated Fund or Affiliated Fund will notify each Regulated Fund that holds securities of the portfolio company of the proposed transaction at the earliest practical time;
- (ii) the Adviser to each Regulated Fund that holds an investment in the issuer will formulate a recommendation as to the proposed participation, including the amount of the proposed investment, by such Regulated Fund; and
- (iii) the Adviser will provide to the Board of each Regulated Fund that holds an investment in the issuer all information relating to the existing investments in the issuer of the Regulated Funds and Affiliated Funds, including the terms of such investments and how they were made, that is necessary for the Required Majority to make the findings required by this Condition.
- (b) Enhanced Board Approval. The Adviser will provide its written recommendation as to the Regulated Fund's participation to the Eligible Trustees, and the Regulated Fund will participate in such Follow-On Investment solely to the extent that a Required Majority reviews the proposed Follow-On Investment both on a stand-alone basis and together with the Pre-Boarding Investments in relation to the total economic exposure and other terms and makes the determinations set forth in Condition 2(c). In addition, the Follow-On Investment may only be completed in reliance on the Order if the Required Majority of each participating Regulated Fund determines that the making and holding of the Pre-Boarding Investments were not prohibited by Section 57 (as modified by Rule 57b-1) or Rule 17d-1, as applicable. The basis for the Board's findings will be recorded in its minutes.
- (c) Additional Requirements. The Follow-On Investment may only be completed in reliance on the Order if:
- (i) Original Investments. All of the Affiliated Funds' and Regulated Funds' investments in the issuer are Pre-Boarding Investments;
- (ii) *Advice of counsel*. Independent counsel to the Board advises that the making and holding of the investments in the Pre-Boarding Investments were not prohibited by Section 57 (as modified by Rule 57b-1) or Rule 17d-1, as applicable;
- (iii) Multiple Classes of Securities. All Regulated Funds and Affiliated Funds that hold Pre-Boarding Investments in the issuer immediately before the time of completion of the Co-Investment Transaction hold the same security or securities of the issuer. For the purpose of determining whether the Regulated Funds and Affiliated Funds hold the same security or securities, they may disregard any security held by some but not all of them if, prior to relying on the Order, the Required Majority is presented with all information necessary to make a finding, and finds, that: (x) any Regulated Fund's

or Affiliated Fund's holding of a different class of securities (including for this purpose a security with a different maturity date) is immaterial in amount, including immaterial relative to the size of the issuer; and (y) the Board records the basis for any such finding in its minutes. In addition, securities that differ only in respect of issuance date, currency, or denominations may be treated as the same security; and

(iv) No control. The Affiliated Funds, the other Regulated Funds and their affiliated persons (within the meaning of Section 2(a)(3)(C) of the Act), individually or in the aggregate, do not control the issuer of the securities (within the meaning of Section 2(a)(9) of the Act).

(d) Allocation. If, with respect to any such Follow-On Investment:

(i) the amount of the opportunity proposed to be made available to any Regulated Fund is not based on the Regulated Funds' and the Affiliated Funds' outstanding investments in the issuer or the security at issue, as appropriate, immediately preceding the Follow-On Investment; and

(ii) the aggregate amount recommended by an Adviser to be invested in the Follow-On Investment by the participating Regulated Funds and any participating Affiliated Funds, collectively, exceeds the amount of the investment opportunity, then the Follow-On Investment opportunity will be allocated among them pro rata based on the size of the Internal Orders, as described in Section III.A.1.b. above.

(e) *Other Conditions*. The acquisition of Follow-On Investments as permitted by this Condition will be considered a Co-Investment Transaction for all purposes and subject to the other Conditions set forth in this application.

10. Board Reporting, Compliance and Annual Re-Approval

(a) The Each Adviser to a Regulated Fund will present to the Board of each Regulated Fund, on a quarterly basis, and at such other times as the Board may request, (i) a record of all investments in Potential Co-Investment Transactions made by any of the other Regulated Funds or any Affiliated Funds during the preceding quarter that fell within the Regulated Fund's then-current Objectives and Strategies and Board-Established Criteria that were not made available to the Regulated Fund, and an explanation of why such investment opportunities were not made available to the Regulated Fund; (ii) a record of all Follow-On Investments in and Dispositions of investments in any issuer in which the Regulated Fund holds any investments by any Affiliated Fund or other Regulated Fund during the prior quarter; and (iii) all information concerning Potential Co-Investment Transactions and Co-Investment Transactions, including investments made by other Regulated Funds or any Affiliated Funds that the Regulated Fund considered but declined to participate in, so that the Independent Trustees, may determine whether all Potential Co-Investment Transactions and Co-Investment Transactions during the preceding quarter, including those investments that the Regulated Fund considered but declined to participate in, comply with the Conditions.

(b) All information presented to the Regulated Fund's Board pursuant to this Condition will be kept for the life of the Regulated Fund and at least two years thereafter, and will be subject to examination by the Commission and its staff.

- (c) Each Regulated Fund's chief compliance officer, as defined in rule 38a-1(a)(4), will prepare an annual report for its Board each year that evaluates (and documents the basis of that evaluation) the Regulated Fund's compliance with the terms and Conditions of the application and the procedures established to achieve such compliance.
- (d) The Independent Trustees will consider at least annually whether continued participation in new and existing Co-Investment Transactions is in the Regulated Fund's best interests.
- 11. <u>Record Keeping</u>. Each Regulated Fund will maintain the records required by Section 57(f)(3) of the Act as if each of the Regulated Funds were a BDC and each of the investments permitted under these Conditions were approved by the Required Majority under Section 57(f).
- 12. <u>Trustee Independence</u>. No Independent Trustee of a Regulated Fund will also be a director, general partner, managing member or principal, or otherwise be an "affiliated person" (as defined in the Act) of any Affiliated Fund.
- 13. <u>Expenses</u>. The expenses, if any, associated with acquiring, holding or disposing of any securities acquired in a Co-Investment Transaction (including, without limitation, the expenses of the distribution of any such securities registered for sale under the Securities Act) will, to the extent not payable by <u>anthe</u> Advisers under <u>itstheir</u> respective advisory agreements with the Regulated Funds and the Affiliated Funds, be shared by the Regulated Funds and any participating

Affiliated Funds in proportion to the relative amounts of the securities held or being acquired or disposed of, as the case may be.

14. Transaction Fees. ²⁹²⁹ Any transaction fee (including break-up, structuring, monitoring or commitment fees but excluding brokerage or underwriting compensation permitted by Section 17(e) or 57(k)) received in connection with any Co-Investment Transaction will be distributed to the participants on a pro rata basis based on the amounts they invested or committed, as the case may be, in such Co-Investment Transaction. If any transaction fee is to be held by an Adviser pending consummation of the transaction, the fee will be deposited into an account maintained by an Adviser at a bank or banks having the qualifications prescribed in Section 26(a)(1), and the account will earn a competitive rate of interest that will also be divided pro rata among the participants. None of the Advisers, the Affiliated Funds, the other Regulated Funds or any affiliated person of the Affiliated Funds or the Regulated Funds will receive any additional compensation or remuneration of any kind as a result of or in connection with a Co-Investment Transaction other than (i) in the case of the Regulated Funds and the Affiliated Funds, the pro rata transaction fees described above and fees or other compensation described in Condition 2(c)(iii)(B)(z), (ii) brokerage or underwriting compensation permitted by Section 17(e) or 57(k) or (iii) in the case of the Adviser, investment advisory compensation paid in accordance with investment advisory agreements between the applicable Regulated Fund(s) or Affiliated Fund(s) and its Adviser.

15. <u>Independence</u>. If the Holders own in the aggregate more than 25 percent of the Shares of a Regulated Fund, then the Holders will vote such Shares in the same percentages as the Regulated Fund's other shareholders (not including the Holders) when voting on (1) the election of directors; (2) the removal of one or more directors; or (3) any other matter under either the Act or applicable State law affecting the Board's composition, size or manner of election.

Applicants are not requesting, and the Commission is not providing, any relief for transaction fees received in connection with any Co-Investment Transaction.

V. PROCEDURAL MATTERS

A. Communications

Please address all communications concerning this Application and the Notice and Order to:

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Please address any questions, and a copy of any communications, concerning this Application, the Notice and Order to:

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B. Authorizations

The filing of this Application for the Order sought hereby and the taking of all acts reasonably necessary to obtain the relief requested herein was authorized by the Board of each of the Existing Regulated Funds pursuant to resolutions duly adopted by each respective Board (attached hereto as Exhibit A). In accordance with Rule 0-2(c) under the Act, each person executing the Application on behalf of the Applicants being duly sworn deposes and says that he has duly executed the attached Application for and on behalf of the applicable entity listed; that he is authorized to execute the Application pursuant to the terms of an operating agreement, management agreement or otherwise; and that all actions by members, directors or other bodies necessary to authorize each such deponent to execute and file the Application have been taken.

Applicants have caused this Application to be duly signed on their behalf on the 6th30th day of February May 2024.

Signature Pages Follow

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	Name:	Michael Peck
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Partners Capital Condor Fund XVI (Cayman), L.P.

Partners Capital Red Kite Fund II, L.P.

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Partners Capital Phoenix Fund II SPV, Ltd

Partners Capital Cayman XIII SPV, Ltd

Michael Peck

Title: Chief Executive Officer

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/s/ Michael Peck

By:

Name: Michael PeckOlivier Piccoli

Title: Chief Executive

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By:

/s/ Michael Peck

Name: Michael Peck

Title: Chief Executive Officer

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By: /s/ Michael Peck

Name: <u>Michael PeckOlivier Piccoli</u>

Title: Chief Executive

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VIVALDI CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LP

By: /s/ Michael Peck
Name: Michael Peck
Title: President

VERIFICATION

The undersigned states that he has duly executed the foregoing Application for and on behalf of First Trust Real Assets Fund, that he is the President of such entity and that all action by officers, directors, and other bodies necessary to authorize deponent to execute and file such instrument has been taken. The undersigned further states that he is familiar with such instrument, and the contents thereof, and that the facts therein set forth are true to the best of his knowledge, information and helief.

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-	By: /s/ Michael Peck
-	Name: Michael Peck
-	Title: President

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The undersigned states that he has duly executed the foregoing Application for and on behalf of First Trust Private Credit Fund, that he is the President of such entity and that all action by officers, directors, and other bodies necessary to authorize deponent to execute and file such instrument has been taken. The undersigned further states that he is familiar with such instrument, and the contents thereof, and that the facts therein set forth are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

_	FIRST TRUST PRIVATE CREDIT FUND
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-	By: /s/ Michael Peck
-	Name: Michael Peck
-	Title: President

VERIFICATION

The undersigned states that he has duly executed the foregoing Application for and on behalf of First Trust Private Assets Fund, that he is the President of such entity and that all action by officers, directors, and other bodies necessary to authorize deponent to execute and file such instrument has been taken. The undersigned further states that he is familiar with such instrument, and the contents thereof, and that the facts therein set forth are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

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-	Name:	Michael Peck
-	Title:	President

VERIFICATION

The undersigned states that he has duly executed the foregoing Application for and on behalf of First Trust Alternative Opportunities Fund, that he is the President of such entity and that all action by officers, directors, and other bodies necessary to authorize deponent to execute and file such instrument has been taken. The undersigned further states that he is familiar with such instrument, and the contents thereof, and that the facts therein set forth are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

-	FIRST TRUST ALTERNATIVE OPPORTUNITIES FUND
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-	By: /s/ Michael Peck
-	Name: Michael Peck
-	Title: President

VERIFICATION

The undersigned states that he <u>or she</u> has duly executed the <u>foregoing</u> attached <u>Aapplication dated as of May 30, 2024</u> for and on behalf of <u>Infinity Core Alternative Fund that he is the President of each entity listed below; that he or she is the authorized <u>person of each</u> such entity; and that all action by officers, directors, and other bodies necessary to authorize <u>deponent the undersigned</u> to execute and file such instrument has been taken. The undersigned further states that he <u>or she</u> is familiar with such instrument, and the contents thereof, and that the facts therein set forth are true to the best of his <u>or her</u> knowledge, information and belief.</u>

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-	By:	/s/ Michael Peck
-	Name:	Michael Peck
-	Title:	President

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The undersigned states that he has duly executed the foregoing Application for and on behalf of Destiny Alternative Fund LLC that he is the President of such entity and that all action by officers, directors, and other bodies necessary to authorize deponent to execute and file such instrument has been taken. The undersigned further states that he is familiar with such instrument, and the contents thereof, and that the facts therein set forth are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

-	DESTINY ALTERNATIVE FUND LLC
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-	By: /s/ Michael Peck
-	Name: Michael Peck
-	Title: President

VERIFICATION

The undersigned states that he has duly executed the foregoing Application for and on behalf of First Trust Hedged Strategies Fund, that he is the President of such entity and that all action by officers, directors, and other bodies necessary to authorize deponent to execute and file such instrument has been taken. The undersigned further states that he is familiar with such instrument, and the contents thereof, and that the facts therein set forth are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

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-	By:	/s/ Michael Peck
-	Name:	Michael Peck
-	Title:	President

VERIFICATION

The undersigned states that he has duly executed the foregoing Application for and on behalf of First Trust Capital Management L.P., that he is the Chief Executive Officer of such entity and that all action by officers, directors, and other bodies necessary to authorize deponent to execute and file such instrument has been taken. The undersigned further states that he is familiar with such instrument, and the contents thereof, and that the facts therein set forth are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

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-	By: /s/ Michael Peck
-	Name: Michael Peck
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VERIFICATION

The undersigned states that he has duly executed the foregoing Application for and on behalf of FT Alternative Platform ILLC, that he is the Chief Executive Officer of such entity and that all action by officers, directors, and other bodies necessary to authorize deponent to execute and file such instrument has been taken. The undersigned further states that he is familiar with such instrument, and the contents thereof, and that the facts therein set forth are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

-	FT ALTERNATIVE PLATFORM I LLC
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-	By: /s/ Michael Peck
-	Name: Michael Peck
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VERIFICATION

The undersigned states that he has duly executed the foregoing Application for and on behalf of FT Offshore I LP, that he is the Chief Executive Officer of such entity and that all action by officers, directors, and other bodies necessary to authorize deponent to execute and file such instrument has been taken. The undersigned further states that he is familiar with such instrument, and the contents thereof, and that the facts therein set forth are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

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-	By:	/s/ Michael Peck
-	Name:	Michael Peck
-	Title:	Chief Executive Officer

VERIFICATION

The undersigned states that he has duly executed the foregoing Application for and on behalf of VCM Core Opportunities Fund LLC, that he is the Chief Executive Officer of such entity and that all action by officers, directors, and other bodies necessary to authorize deponent to execute and file such instrument has been taken. The undersigned further states that he is familiar with such instrument, and the contents thereof, and that the facts therein set forth are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

-	VCM-C	CORE OPPORTUNITIES FUND LLC
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-	By:	/s/ Michael Peck
-	Name:	Michael Peck
-	Title:	Chief Executive Officer

VERIFICATION

The undersigned states that he has duly executed the foregoing Application for and on behalf of FT Private Investment Platform ILLC, that he is the Chief Executive Officer of such entity and that all action by officers, directors, and other bodies necessary to authorize deponent to execute and file such instrument has been taken. The undersigned further states that he is familiar with such instrument, and the contents thereof, and that the facts therein set forth are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

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-	By:	/s/ Michael Peck
-	Name:	Michael Peck
-	Title:	Chief Executive Officer

The undersigned states that he has duly executed the foregoing Application for and on behalf of FT Real Estate Platform I LLC, that he is the Chief Executive Officer of such entity and that all action by officers, directors, and other bodies necessary to authorize deponent to execute and file such instrument has been taken. The undersigned further states that he is familiar with such instrument, and the contents thereof, and that the facts therein set forth are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

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The undersigned states that he has duly executed the foregoing Application for and on behalf of Cornerstone Diversified Portfolio LP, that he is the President of such entity and that all action by officers, directors, and other bodies necessary to authorize deponent to execute and file such instrument has been taken. The undersigned further states that he is familiar with such instrument, and the contents thereof, and that the facts therein set forth are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

-	CORNI	ERSTONE DIVERSIFIED PORTFOLIO LP
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-	By:	/s/ Michael Peck
-	Name:	Michael Peck
-	Title:	President

VERIFICATION

The undersigned states that he has duly executed the foregoing Application for and on behalf of Highland Capital Management Institutional Fund II LLC, that he is the Chief Executive Officer of such entity and that all action by officers, directors, and other bodies necessary to authorize deponent to execute and file such instrument has been taken. The undersigned further states that he is familiar with such instrument, and the contents thereof, and that the facts therein set forth are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

-	HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT INSTITUTIONAL FUND II LLC
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-	By: /s/ Michael Peck
-	Name: Michael Peck
-	Title: Chief Executive Officer

VERIFICATION

The undersigned states that he has duly executed the foregoing Application for and on behalf of Destiny Alternative Fund II LLC, that he is the Chief Executive Officer of such entity and that all action by officers, directors, and other bodies necessary to authorize deponent to execute and file such instrument has been taken. The undersigned further states that he is familiar with such instrument, and the contents thereof, and that the facts therein set forth are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

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-	Name: Michael Peck
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VERIFICATION

The undersigned states that he has duly executed the foregoing Application for and on behalf of CP Special Assets Fund LLC, that he is the Chief Executive Officer of such entity and that all action by officers, directors, and other bodies necessary to authorize deponent to execute and file such instrument has been taken. The undersigned further states that he is familiar with such instrument, and the contents thereof, and that the facts therein set forth are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

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-	By:	/s/ Michael Peck
-	Name:	Michael Peck
_	Title:	Chief Executive Officer

VERIFICATION

The undersigned states that he has duly executed the foregoing Application for and on behalf of Park Shore Multi Asset Strategy Fund LLC, that he is the Chief Executive Officer of such entity and that all action by officers, directors, and other bodies necessary to authorize deponent to execute and file such instrument has been taken. The undersigned further states that he is familiar with such instrument, and the contents thereof, and that the facts therein set forth are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

-	PARK SHORE MULTI ASSET STRATEGY FUND- LLC
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-	By: /s/ Michael Peck
-	Name: Michael Peck
-	Title: Chief Executive Officer

VERIFICATION

The undersigned states that he has duly executed the foregoing Application for and on behalf of FT Vest Hedged Equity Enhanced Income Fund LLC, that he is the Chief Executive Officer of such entity and that all action by officers, directors, and other bodies necessary to authorize deponent to execute and file such instrument has been taken. The undersigned further states that he is familiar with such instrument, and the contents thereof, and that the facts therein set forth are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

-	FT VEST HEDGED EQUITY ENHANCED INCOME FUND-LLC
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-	By: /s/ Michael Peck
-	Name: Michael Peck
-	Title: Chief Executive Officer

VERIFICATION

The undersigned states that he has duly executed the foregoing Application for and on behalf of Destiny Target Outcome Fund 2024-1 LLC, that he is the Chief Executive Officer of such entity and that all action by officers, directors, and other bodies necessary to authorize deponent to execute and file such instrument has been taken. The undersigned further states that he is familiar with such instrument, and the contents thereof, and that the facts therein set forth are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

-	DESTI	NY TARGET OUTCOME FUND 2024-1 LLC
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-	By:	/s/ Michael Peck
-	Name:	Michael Peck
-	Title:	Chief Executive Officer

VERIFICATION

The undersigned states that he has duly executed the foregoing Application for and on behalf of Vivaldi Capital Management LP, that he is the President of such entity and that all action by officers, directors, and other bodies necessary to authorize deponent to execute and file such instrument has been taken. The undersigned further states that he is familiar with such instrument, and the contents thereof, and that the facts therein set forth are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

-	VIVALDI CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LP
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-	By: /s/ Michael Peck
-	Name: Michael Peck
-	Title: President

EXHIBIT A

Resolutions of the Board of Trustees of Initial Trustee of
First Trust Real Assets Privacore PCAAM Alternative Growth Fund
Privacore PCAAM Alternative Growth Fund

Privacore PCAAM Alternative Growth Fund

RESOLVED, that the officers of First Trust Real Assets Fund (the "Fund") be, and each of them hereby is, authorized and directed on behalf of the Fund and in its name, to prepare, execute, and cause to be filed with filing of the Privacore PCAAM Alternative Growth Fund's application for an order from the Securities and Exchange Commission an Application for an Order of Exemption, and any amendments thereto, pursuant to Sections 17(d) and 57(i) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), and Rule 17d-1 promulgated under the 1940 Act ("Rule 17d-1"), authorizing certain joint transactions that otherwise may be prohibited by either or both of Sections 17(d) and 57(a)(4) of the 1940 Act and Rule 17d-1 be, and it hereby is, approved; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the any officers of the Fund be, and each of them hereby is, authorized and directed to tmake such further action and execute such other documents as such officer or officers shall deem necessary or advisable in order to effectuate the intent of the foregoing resolution; and amendments to such application as the officers of Privacore PCAAM Alternative Growth Fund, upon advice of counsel, deem necessary and appropriate, and to execute and cause to be filed any and all amendments to the application hereinabove authorized in such form as the officer executing the same approve, such execution thereof to be conclusive evidence of such approval.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that all acts previously done by any officer of the Fund, on or prior to the date hereof, in the name and on behalf of the Fund in connection with the foregoing resolutions are in all respects authorized, ratified, approved, confirmed and adopted as the acts and deeds by and on behalf of the Fund.

Resolutions of the Board of Trustees of First Trust Private Credit Fund

RESOLVED, that the officers of First Trust Private Credit Fund (the "Fund") be, and each of them hereby is, authorized and directed on behalf of the Fund and in its name, to prepare, execute, and cause to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission an Application for an Order of Exemption, and any amendments thereto, pursuant to Sections 17(d) and 57(i) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), and Rule 17d 1 promulgated under the 1940 Act ("Rule 17d 1"), authorizing certain joint transactions that otherwise may be prohibited by either or both of Sections 17(d) and 57(a)(4) of the 1940 Act and Rule 17d 1; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the officers of the Fund be, and each of them hereby is, authorized and directed to take such further action and execute such other documents as such officer or officers shall deem necessary or advisable in order to effectuate the intent of the foregoing resolution; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that all acts previously done by any officer of the Fund, on or prior to the date hereof, in the name and on behalf of the Fund in connection with the foregoing resolutions are in all respects authorized, ratified, approved, confirmed and adopted as the acts and deeds by and on behalf of the Fund.

Resolutions of the Board of Trustees of First Trust Private Assets Fund

RESOLVED, that the officers of First Trust Private Assets Fund (the "Fund") be, and each of them hereby is, authorized and directed on behalf of the Fund and in its name, to prepare, execute, and cause to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission an Application for an Order of Exemption, and any amendments thereto, pursuant to Sections 17(d) and 57(i) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), and Rule 17d 1 promulgated under the 1940 Act ("Rule 17d-1"), authorizing certain joint transactions that otherwise may be prohibited by either or both of Sections 17(d) and 57(a)(4) of the 1940 Act and Rule 17d 1; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the officers of the Fund be, and each of them hereby is, authorized and directed to take such further action and execute such other documents as such officer or officers shall deem necessary or advisable in order to effectuate the intent of the foregoing resolution; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that all acts previously done by any officer of the Fund, on or prior to the date hereof, in the name and on behalf of the Fund in connection with the foregoing resolutions are in all respects authorized, ratified, approved, confirmed and adopted as the acts and deeds by and on behalf of the Fund.

Resolutions of the Board of Trustees of

First Trust Privacore PCAAM Alternative Opportunities Income Fund

RESOLVED, that the officers of First Trust filing of the Privacore PCAAM Alternative Opportunities Income Fund's (the "Fund") be, and each of them hereby is, authorized and directed on behalf of the Fund and in its name, to prepare, execute, and cause to be filed with application for an order from the Securities and Exchange Commission an Application for an Order of Exemption, and any amendments thereto, pursuant to Sections 17(d) and 57(i) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), and Rule 17d-1 promulgated under the 1940 Act ("Rule 17d-1"), authorizing certain joint transactions that otherwise may be prohibited by either or both of Sections 17(d) and 57(a)(4) of the 1940 Act and Rule 17d-1 be, and it hereby is, approved; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the any officers of the Fund be, and each of them hereby is, authorized and directed to tmake such further action and execute such other documents as such officer or officers shall deem necessary or advisable in order to effectuate the intent of the foregoing resolution; and amendments to such application as the officers of Privacore PCAAM Alternative Income Fund, upon advice of counsel, deem necessary and appropriate, and to execute and cause to be filed any and all amendments to the application hereinabove authorized in such form as the officer executing the same approve, such execution thereof to be conclusive evidence of such approval.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that all acts previously done by any officer of the Fund, on or prior to the date hereof, in the name and on behalf of the Fund in connection with the foregoing resolutions are in all respects authorized, ratified, approved, confirmed and adopted as the acts and deeds by and on behalf of the Fund.

Resolutions of the Board of Managers of Destiny Alternative Fund LLC

RESOLVED, that the officers of Destiny Alternative Fund LLC (the "Fund") be, and each of them hereby is, authorized and directed on behalf of the Fund and in its name, to prepare, execute, and cause to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission an Application for an Order of Exemption, and any amendments thereto, pursuant to Sections 17(d) and 57(i) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), and Rule 17d-1 promulgated under the 1940 Act ("Rule 17d-1"), authorizing certain joint transactions that otherwise may be prohibited by either or both of Sections 17(d) and 57(a)(4) of the 1940 Act and Rule 17d-1; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the officers of the Fund be, and each of them hereby is, authorized and directed to take such further action and execute such other documents as such officer or officers shall deem necessary or advisable in order to effectuate the intent of the foregoing resolution; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that all acts previously done by any officer of the Fund, on or prior to the date hereof, in the name and on behalf of the Fund in connection with the foregoing resolutions are in all respects authorized, ratified, approved, confirmed and adopted as the acts and deeds by and on behalf of the Fund.

Resolutions of the Board of Trustees of Infinity Core Alternative Fund

RESOLVED, that the officers of Infinity Core Alternative Fund (the "Fund") be, and each of them hereby is, authorized and directed on behalf of the Fund and in its name, to prepare, execute, and cause to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission an Application for an Order of Exemption, and any amendments thereto, pursuant to Sections 17(d) and 57(i) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), and Rule 17d 1 promulgated under the 1940 Act ("Rule 17d 1"), authorizing certain joint transactions that otherwise may be prohibited by either or both of Sections 17(d) and 57(a)(4) of the 1940 Act and Rule 17d 1; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the officers of the Fund be, and each of them hereby is, authorized and directed to take such further action and execute such other documents as such officer or officers shall deem necessary or advisable in order to effectuate the intent of the foregoing resolution; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that all acts previously done by any officer of the Fund, on or prior to the date hereof, in the name and on behalf of the Fund in connection with the foregoing resolutions are in all respects authorized, ratified, approved, confirmed and adopted as the acts and deeds by and on behalf of the Fund.

Resolutions of the Board of Trustees of First Trust Hedged Strategies Fund

RESOLVED, that the officers of First Trust Hedged Strategies Fund (the "Fund") be, and each of them hereby is, authorized and directed on behalf of the Fund and in its name, to prepare, execute, and cause to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission an Application for an Order of Exemption, and any amendments thereto, pursuant to Sections 17(d) and 57(i) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), and Rule 17d 1 promulgated under the 1940 Act ("Rule 17d 1"), authorizing certain joint transactions that otherwise may be prohibited by either or both of Sections 17(d) and 57(a)(4) of the 1940 Act and Rule 17d 1; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the officers of the Fund be, and each of them hereby is, authorized and directed to take such further action and execute such other documents as such officer or officers shall deem necessary or advisable in order to effectuate the intent of the foregoing resolution; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that all acts previously done by any officer of the Fund, on or prior to the date hereof, in the name and on behalf of the Fund in connection with the foregoing resolutions are in all respects authorized, ratified, approved, confirmed and adopted as the acts and deeds by and on behalf of the Fund.

Schedule A

Existing Affiliated Fund

Investment Adviser to Existing Affiliated fund

FT Alternative Platform I
LLGP:

Investment Adviser/Portfolio Manager: Partners Capital Investment Group,
FTCM

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	Existing Affiliated Fund
	Partners Capital Greyhawk Fund, L.P.
	The Master Portfolio (A), L.P.
	Partners Capital Harrier Fund (A) L.P.
	Partners Capital Harrier Fund (C) Ltd
	Partners Capital Falcon Fund (A), L.P.
	Partners Capital Falcon Fund (C), Ltd.
	The Master Portfolio (C) S.A., SICAV-RAIF
	Partners Capital Kestrel Fund, LP - Series B
	Partners Capital Greyhawk Cayman Feeder Fund, Ltd.
	Partners Capital Kestrel Fund, LP - Series D
	Partners Capital Phoenix Fund II Ltd - Diversified Income Fund
	Partners Capital Condor Fund VIII (Cayman), L.P.
	Partners Capital Condor Fund VIII, L.P.
	Partners Capital Kestrel Fund, LP - Series E
	Partners Capital Kestrel Fund, LP - Series C
	Partners Capital Kestrel Fund, LP - Series A
	Partners Capital Condor Fund IX (Cayman), L.P.
	Partners Capital Condor Fund IX, L.P.
	Partners Capital Kestrel Fund, LP - Series J
	Partners Capital Condor Fund X, L.P.
	Partners Capital Condor Fund X (Cayman), L.P.
	Partners Capital Phoenix Fund III, LP
	Partners Capital Kestrel Fund, LP - Series S
	Partners Capital Condor Fund XI (Cayman), L.P.
	Partners Capital Condor Fund XI, L.P.
	Partners Capital Merlin Co-Investment Fund I, L.P.
	Partners Capital Merlin Co-Investment Fund I (Cayman), L.P.
	Partners Capital Kestrel Fund, LP - Series H
	Partners Capital Kestrel Fund, LP - Series N
	Partners Capital Condor Fund XII (Cayman), L.P.
	Partners Capital Condor Fund XII, L.P.
	Partners Capital Condor Fund XIII (Cayman), L.P.
	Partners Capital Condor Fund XIII, L.P.
	Partners Capital Kestrel Fund, LP - Series X
	Partners Capital Kestrel Fund, LP - Series Y
	Partners Capital Secondaries SMA 2020, L.P.
	Partners Capital Secondaries SMA 2020 (Cayman), L.P.
	Partners Capital Kestrel Fund, LP - Series G

Partners Capital Merlin Co-Investment Fund II, L.P.
Partners Capital Merlin Co-Investment Fund II (Cayman), L.P.
Partners Capital Condor Fund XIV, L.P.
Partners Capital Condor Fund XIV (Cayman), L.P.
US Venture Capital Aggregator Fund A, L.P.
US Venture Capital Aggregator Fund A (Cayman), L.P.
Partners Capital Condor Fund XV (Cayman), L.P.
Partners Capital Condor Fund XV, L.P.
Partners Capital Secondaries SMA 2022 (Cayman), L.P.
Partners Capital Secondaries SMA 2022, L.P.
Partners Capital 15 degrees Fund, L.P.
Partners Capital Red Kite Fund, L.P.
Partners Capital Red Kite Fund (Cayman), L.P.
Partners Capital Merlin Co-Investment Fund III, L.P.
Partners Capital Merlin Co-Investment Fund III (Cayman), L.P.
Partners Capital Condor Fund XVI (Cayman), L.P.
Partners Capital Red Kite Fund II, L.P.
Partners Capital Red Kite Fund II (Cayman), L.P.
Partners Capital Condor Fund XVI, L.P.
Partners Capital Kestrel Fund, LP - Series W
Partners Capital Condor Fund XVII (Cayman), L.P.
Partners Capital Condor Fund XVII, L.P.
Partners Capital Merlin Co-Investment Fund IV (Cayman), L.P.
Partners Capital Merlin Co-Investment Fund IV, L.P.
Partners Capital Red Kite Fund III (Cayman), L.P.
Partners Capital Red Kite Fund III, L.P.
Partners Capital Secondaries SMA 2024 (Cayman), L.P.
Partners Capital Secondaries SMA 2024, L.P.

Partners Capital Asia Endowment Portfolio SCA, SICAV-RAIF ³⁰
Partners Capital Alternative Asset Management Fund SICAV ^a
Partners Capital Phoenix Fund II SPV, Ltd
Partners Capital Cayman XIII SPV, Ltd
The Master Portfolio (B) Ltd

Investment Adviser: Privacore Capital Advisors, LLC:

Privacore PCAAM Alternative Growth Fund			
Privacore PCAAM Alternative Income Fund			
FT Offshore I LP		FTCM	
VCM Core Opportunities Fund LLC	FTCM		
FT Private Investment Platform I LLC	FTCM		
FT Real Estate Platform I LLC	FTCM		
Cornerstone Diversified Portfolio LP	VCM		
Highland Capital Management Institutional Fund II LLC	FTCM		
Destiny Alternative Fund II LLC	FTCM		
CP Special Assets Fund LLC	FTCM		
Park Shore Multi Asset Strategy Fund LLC	FTCM		
FT Vest Hedged Equity Enhanced Income Fund LLC	FTCM		
Destiny Target Outcome Fund 2024 1 LLC	FTCM		

³⁰ The alternative investment fund manager of the Existing Affiliated Fund is not affiliated with Partners Capital Investment Group, LLP, and the portfolio manager is Partners Capital Investment Group, LLP.

File No. 812 15439

U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED APPLICATION FOR AN ORDER PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 17(d) AND 57(i) OF THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940 AND RULE 17d-1 UNDER THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940 TO PERMIT CERTAIN JOINT TRANSACTIONS OTHERWISE PROHIBITED BY SECTIONS 17(d) AND 57(a)(4)OF THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940 AND RULE 17d-1 UNDER THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940

In the Matter of:

PRIVACORE PCAAM ALTERNATIVE GROWTH FUND, PRIVACORE PCAAM ALTERNATIVE INCOME FUND, PRIVACORE CAPITAL ADVISORS, LLC, PARTNERS CAPITAL INVESTMENT GROUP, LLP, PARTNERS CAPITAL GREYHAWK FUND, L.P., THE MASTER PORTFOLIO (A), L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL HARRIER FUND (A) L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL HARRIER FUND (C) LTD, PARTNERS CAPITAL FALCON FUND (A), L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL FALCON FUND (A), L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL FALCON FUND (C), LTD., THE MASTER PORTFOLIO (C) S.A., SICAV-RAIF, PARTNERS CAPITAL KESTREL FUND, LP - SERIES B, PARTNERS CAPITAL GREYHAWK CAYMAN FEEDER FUND, LTD., PARTNERS CAPITAL KESTREL FUND, LP - SERIES D, PARTNERS CAPITAL PHOENIX FUND II LTD - DIVERSIFIED INCOME FUND, PARTNERS CAPITAL CONDOR FUND VIII, L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL CONDOR FUND VIII (CAYMAN), L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL KESTREL FUND, LP - SERIES E, PARTNERS CAPITAL KESTREL FUND, LP - SERIES C, PARTNERS CAPITAL KESTREL FUND, LP - SERIES A, PARTNERS CAPITAL CONDOR FUND IX (CAYMAN), L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL CONDOR FUND IX, L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL KESTREL FUND, LP-SERIES J, PARTNERS CAPITAL CONDOR FUND X, L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL CONDOR FUND X (CAYMAN), L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL PHOENIX FUND III, LP, PARTNERS CAPITAL KESTREL FUND, LP - SERIES S, PARTNERS CAPITAL CONDOR FUND XI (CAYMAN), L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL CONDOR FUND XI, L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL MERLIN CO-INVESTMENT FUND I, L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL MERLIN CO-INVESTMENT FUND I (CAYMAN), L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL KESTREL FUND, LP - SERIES H, PARTNERS CAPITAL KESTREL FUND, LP - SERIES N, PARTNERS CAPITAL CONDOR FUND XII (CAYMAN), L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL CONDOR FUND XII, L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL CONDOR FUND XIII (CAYMAN), L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL CONDOR FUND XIII, L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL KESTREL FUND, LP - SERIES X, PARTNERS CAPITAL KESTREL FUND, LP - SERIES Y, PARTNERS CAPITAL SECONDARIES SMA 2020, L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL SECONDARIES SMA 2020 (CAYMAN), L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL KESTREL FUND, LP - SERIES G. PARTNERS CAPITAL MERLIN CO-INVESTMENT FUND II, L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL MERLIN CO-INVESTMENT FUND II (CAYMAN), L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL CONDOR FUND XIV, L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL CONDOR FUND XIV (CAYMAN), L.P., US VENTURE CAPITAL AGGREGATOR FUND A, L.P., US VENTURE CAPITAL AGGREGATOR FUND A (CAYMAN), L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL CONDOR FUND XV (CAYMAN), L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL CONDOR FUND XV, L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL SECONDARIES SMA 2022 (CAYMAN), L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL SECONDARIES SMA 2022, L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL 15 DEGREES FUND, L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL RED KITE FUND, L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL RED KITE FUND (CAYMAN), L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL MERLIN CO-INVESTMENT FUND III, L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL MERLIN

CO-INVESTMENT FUND III (CAYMAN), L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL CONDOR FUND XVI
(CAYMAN), L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL RED KITE FUND II, L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL RED KITE
FUND II (CAYMAN), L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL CONDOR FUND XVI, L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL
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PARTNERS CAPITAL MERLIN CO-INVESTMENT FUND IV (CAYMAN), L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL
MERLIN CO-INVESTMENT FUND IV, L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL RED KITE FUND III (CAYMAN),
L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL RED KITE FUND III, L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL SECONDARIES SMA
2024 (CAYMAN), L.P., PARTNERS CAPITAL SECONDARIES SMA 2024, L.P., MASTER PORTFOLIO
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I. SUMMARY OF APPLICATION

A. Requested Relief

The following entities identified in Section I.B below, hereby request an order (the "*Order*") pursuant to Sections 17(d) and 57(i) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "*Act*"), and Rule 17d-1 thereunder, authorizing certain joint transactions that otherwise would be prohibited by either or both of Sections 17(d) and 57(a)(4) as modified by the exemptive rules adopted by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "*Commission*") under the Act.

In particular, the relief requested in this second amended and restated application for an Order (the "Application") would allow a Regulated Fund and one or more other Regulated Funds and/or one or more Affiliated Funds (each as defined below) to participate in the same investment opportunities through a proposed co-investment program where such participation would otherwise be prohibited under Section 17(d) or Section 57(a)(4) and the rules under the Act (the "Co-Investment Program").³

B. Applicants Seeking Relief

Nomura Alternative Income Fund, a closed end management investment company registered under the Act (the "Fund");

- Privacore PCAAM Alternative Growth Fund, a closed-end management investment company registered under the Act ("Growth Fund");
- Privacore PCAAM Alternative Income Fund, a closed-end management investment company registered under the Act ("Income Fund" and together with Growth Fund, the "Existing Regulated Funds"); and
- the investment vehicles identified in Schedule A, each of which is a separate and distinct legal entity and each of which would be an investment company but for Section 3(c)(1) or 3(c)(7) of the Act (the "Existing Affiliated Funds");
- Privacore Capital Advisors, LLC, the investment adviser to each Existing Regulated Fund, ("*Privacore*") on behalf of itself and its successors;⁴ and
- Partners Capital Investment Group, LLP, the investment sub-adviser to the Existing Regulated Funds and investment adviser or portfolio manager to the Existing Affiliated Funds ("Partners" and together with Privacore, the "Existing Advisers"), on behalf of itself and its successors.

NCOF, LLC, an investment vehicle and a separate and distinct legal entity, which would be an investment company but for Section 3(e)(7) of the Act ("Existing Affiliated Fund"); and

Nomura Private Capital LLC, the investment adviser to the Fund and the Existing Affiliated Fund ("Nomura" and, together with the Fund and the Existing Affiliated Fund, the "Applicants"), on behalf of itself and its successors.³

Applicants do not seek relief for transactions that would be permitted under other regulatory or interpretive guidance, including, for example, transactions effected consistent with Commission staff no-action positions.⁴⁵

All existing entities that currently intend to rely on the Order have been named as Applicants and any existing or future entities that may rely on the Order in the future will comply with the terms and conditions of the Application.

No Regulated Fund or Affiliated Fund that relies on this Order will rely on any other order of the Commission authorizing co-investment transactions pursuant to Sections 17(d) and 57(i) of the Act, and no entity that relies on another such order of the Commission will rely on this Order. C. C. Defined Terms

¹ Unless otherwise indicated, all section references herein are to the Act.

² Unless otherwise indicated, all rule references herein are to rules under the Act.

³ No Regulated Fund or Affiliated Fund that relies on this Order will rely on any other order of the Commission authorizing co-investment transactions pursuant to sections 17(d) and 57(i) of the Act, and no entity that relies on another such order of the Commission will rely on this Order.

⁴ The term successor, as applied to each Adviser, means an entity which results from a reorganization into another jurisdiction or change in the type of business organization.

³ The term successor, as applied to each Adviser, means an entity which results from a reorganization into another jurisdiction or change in the type of business organization.

 $^{^{45}}$ See the JT No-Action Letters (as defined below).

"Adviser" means Nomura and any other investment adviser that is (i) controlling, under common control with, or controlled by Nomura, (ii) (a) is registered as an investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (the "Advisers Act") or (b) is a relying adviser of an investment adviser that is registered under the Advisers Act and that is controlled by or under common control with Nomura and (iii) not a Regulated Fund or a subsidiary of a Regulated Fund. a Privacore Adviser or Partners Adviser (defined below), provided that a Partners Adviser serving as a sub-adviser to an Affiliated Fund is included in this term only if (i) the investment adviser is a Partners Adviser and (ii) such Adviser controls the entity.

"Affiliated Fund" means the Existing Affiliated Fund, any Future Affiliated Fund-or any Nomura, and any Partners Proprietary Account (as defined below).5-6

"Applicants" means the Existing Advisers, Existing Regulated Funds and the Existing Affiliated Funds.

"BDC" means a business development company under the Act. Section 2(a)(48) defines a BDC to be any closed-end investment company that operates for the purpose of making investments in securities described in Section 55(a)(1) through 55(a)(3) and makes available significant managerial assistance with respect to the issuers of such securities.

"Board" means the board of trustees (or the equivalent) of the applicable Regulated Fund.

"Board-Established Criteria" means criteria that the Board of a Regulated Fund may establish from time to time to describe the characteristics of Potential Co-Investment Transactions (as defined below) regarding which the Adviser to such Regulated Fund should be notified under Condition 1. The Board-Established Criteria will be consistent with the Regulated Fund's Objectives and Strategies (defined below). If no Board-Established Criteria are in effect, then the Adviser to the Regulated Fund will be notified of all Potential Co-Investment Transactions that fall within the Regulated Fund's then-current Objectives and Strategies. Board-Established Criteria will be objective and testable, meaning that they will be based on observable information, such as industry/sector of the issuer, minimum EBITDA of the issuer, asset class of the investment opportunity or required commitment size, and not on characteristics that involve a discretionary assessment. The Adviser to the Regulated Fund may from time to time recommend criteria for the Board's consideration, but Board-Established Criteria will only become effective if approved by a majority of the Independent Trustees (defined below). The Independent Trustees of a Regulated Fund may at any time rescind, suspend or qualify its approval of any Board-Established Criteria, though Applicants anticipate that, under normal circumstances, the Board would not modify these criteria more often than quarterly.

"Close Affiliate" means an Adviser, the Regulated Funds, the Affiliated Funds and any other person described in Section 57(b) (after giving effect to Rule 57b-1) in respect of any Regulated Fund (treating any registered investment company or series thereof as a BDC for this purpose) except for limited partners included solely by reason of the reference in Section 57(b) to Section 2(a)(3)(D).

"Co-Investment Transaction" means any transaction in which one or more Regulated Funds (or its Wholly-Owned Investment Sub (defined below)) participated together with one or more Affiliated Funds and/or one or more other Regulated Funds in reliance on the Order.

"Disposition" means the sale, exchange or other disposition of an interest in a security of an issuer.

"*Eligible Trustees*" means, with respect to a Regulated Fund and a Potential Co-Investment Transaction, the members of the Regulated Fund's Board eligible to vote on that Potential Co-Investment Transaction under Section 57(o) of the Act (treating any registered investment company or series thereof as a BDC for this purpose).

"Follow-On Investment" means (i) with respect to a Regulated Fund, an additional investment in the same issuer in which the Regulated Fund is currently invested; or (ii) with respect to an Affiliated Fund, (x) an additional investment in the same issuer in which the Affiliated Fund and at least one Regulated Fund are currently invested; or (y) an investment in an issuer in which at least one Regulated Fund is currently invested but in which the Affiliated Fund does not currently have an investment. An investment in an issuer includes, but is not limited to, the exercise of warrants, conversion privileges or other rights to purchase securities of the issuer.

"Future Affiliated Fund" means any entity (a) whose investment adviser is an (and any sub-adviser, if any) is a Partners Adviser, (b) that either (x) would be an investment company but for Section 3(c)(1), 3(c)(5)(C) or 3(c)(7) of the Act, or (y) relies

⁵⁶ In the future, each Affiliated Fund may register as a closed-end management investment company under the Act and, if so registered, will be considered a Regulated Fund for purposes of this Application.

on the Rule 3a-7 exemption from investment company status under the Act, and (c) that intends to participate in the Co-Investment Program.

"Future Regulated Fund" means a closed-end management investment company (a) that is registered under the Act or has elected to be regulated as a BDC; (b) whose investment adviser is an(and any sub-adviser, if any) is a Partners Adviser; and (c) that intends to participate in the Co-Investment Program.

"Independent Trustee" means a member of the Board of any relevant entity who is not an "interested person" as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the Act. No Independent Trustee of a Regulated Fund will have a direct or indirect financial interest in any Co-Co-Investment Transaction or any interest in any portfolio company, other than indirectly through share ownership in one of the Regulated Funds.

"JT No-Action Letters" means SMC Capital, Inc., SEC Staff No-Action Letter (pub. avail. Sept. 5, 1995) and Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company, SEC Staff No-Action Letter (pub. avail. June 7, 2000).

"Nomura Proprietary Account" means any account of an Adviser or its affiliates or any company that is a direct or indirect, wholly or majority owned subsidiary of the Adviser or its affiliates, which, from time to time, may hold various financial assets in a principal capacity.

"Objectives and Strategies" means a Regulated Fund's investment objectives and strategies, as described in its most current registration statement on Form N-2, other current or future filings with the Commission under the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act") or under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and or its most current report to stockholders.

<u>"Partners Adviser"</u> means (a) Partners and (b) any future investment adviser that controls, is controlled by or is under common control with Partners, is registered as an investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended (the "Advisers Act") and is not a Regulated Fund or a subsidiary of a Regulated Fund.

"Partners Proprietary Account" means any account of Partners or Partners Adviser or any company that is a direct or indirect, wholly- or majority-owned subsidiary of the Adviser or its affiliates, which, from time to time, may hold various financial assets in a principal capacity. Currently, there are no Partners Proprietary Accounts or subsidiaries that exist and currently intend to participate in the Co-Investment Program.

"Potential Co-Investment Transaction" means any investment opportunity in which a Regulated Fund (or its Wholly-Owned Investment Sub) could not participate together with one or more Affiliated Funds and/or one or more other Regulated Funds without obtaining and relying on the Order.

"*Pre-Boarding Investments*" are investments in an issuer held by a Regulated Fund as well as one or more Affiliated Funds and/or one or more other Regulated Funds that were acquired prior to participating in any Co-Investment Transaction:

- (i) in transactions in which the only term negotiated by or on behalf of such funds was price in reliance on one of the JT No-Action Letters; or
- (ii) in transactions occurring at least 90 days apart and without coordination between the Regulated Fund and any Affiliated Fund or other Regulated Fund.

<u>"Privacore Adviser"</u> means (a) Privacore and (b) any future investment adviser that controls, is controlled by or is under common control with Privacore, is registered as an investment adviser under the Advisers Act and is not a Regulated Fund or a subsidiary of a Regulated Fund.

"Regulated Funds" means the Existing Regulated Funds and any Future Regulated Funds.

"Related Party" means (i) any Close Affiliate and (ii) in respect of matters as to which any Adviser has knowledge, any Remote Affiliate.

"Remote Affiliate" means any person described in Section 57(e) in respect of any Regulated Fund (treating any registered investment company or series thereof as a BDC for this purpose) and any limited partner holding 5% or more of the relevant limited partner interests that would be a Close Affiliate but for the exclusion in that definition.

"Required Majority" means a required majority, as defined in Section 57(o) of the Act. 62

⁶⁷ In the case of a Regulated Fund that is a registered closed-end fund, the Board members that make up the Required Majority will be determined as if the

"Tradable Security" means a security that meets the following criteria at the time of Disposition:

- (i) it trades on a national securities exchange or designated offshore securities market as defined in rule 902(b) under the Securities Act:
- (ii) it is not subject to restrictive agreements with the issuer or other security holders; and
- (iii) it trades with sufficient volume and liquidity (findings as to which are documented by the Adviser to any Regulated Funds holding investments in the issuer and retained for the life of the Regulated Fund) to allow each Regulated Fund to dispose of its entire position remaining after the proposed Disposition within a short period of time not exceeding 30 days at approximately the value (as defined by Section 2(a)(41) of the Act) at which the Regulated Fund has valued the investment.

"Wholly-Owned Investment Sub" means an entity (i) that is wholly-owned by a Regulated Fund (with such Regulated Fund at all times holding, beneficially and of record, 10095% or more of the voting and economic interests); (ii) whose sole business purpose is to hold one or more investments on behalf of such Regulated Fund (and, in the case of an SBIC Subsidiary (defined below), maintains a license under the SBA Act (defined below) and issues debentures guaranteed by the SBA (defined below)); (iii) with respect to which such Regulated Fund's Board has the sole authority to make all determinations with respect to the entity's participation under the Conditions (as defined below) to this second amended and restated application; and (iv) that would be an investment company but for Section 3(c)(1), 3(c)(5)(C) or 3(c)(7) of the Act. The term "SBIC Subsidiary" means a Wholly-Owned Investment Sub that is licensed by the Small Business Administration (the "SBA") to operate under the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, as amended, (the "SBA Act") as a small business investment company.

II. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANTS

A. Growth Fund

Growth Fund was organized under the Delaware Statutory Trust Act on April 23, 2024, and is a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company registered under the Act. The Growth Fund intends to qualify annually and has elected to be treated as a regulated investment company under Sub-Chapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("Code"). Growth Fund's principal place of business is c/o UMB Fund Services at 235 West Galena Street, Milwaukee, WI 53212.

The Growth Fund's investment objectives are to seek to achieve capital appreciation over the medium to long-term and offer a consolidated, diversified investment solution to investors seeking to allocate a portion of their portfolios to private markets investments aimed at achieving capital appreciation. The Growth Fund's investments are expected to include (i) primary investments in closed-end private funds ("Portfolio Funds" or "primaries") managed by third-party managers ("Portfolio Fund Managers"); (ii) secondary purchases of interests in Portfolio Funds; (iii) investments in the equity and/or debt of operating companies, projects or properties, typically through co-investing alongside, and generally indirectly through investment vehicles managed by Portfolio Fund Managers. Together, these investment structures or vehicles are broadly referred to as "Private Market Assets." The Growth Fund seeks to achieve its investment objectives by investing and/or making capital commitments of at least 80% of its assets (plus any borrowings for investment purposes) in Private Market Assets that provide the opportunity for capital growth, with an expected bias toward private equity investments. The Fund invests across growth asset classes within private markets including, without limitation, private equity investments, real assets investments, and private debt investments.

Growth Fund is managed under the direction of a Board, of which a majority of the members are not "interested" persons of Growth Fund within the meaning of Section 2(a)(19) of the Act. 8

A. TheB. Income Fund

The Income Fund was organized under the Delaware Statutory Trust Act on August 24, 2022 April 23, 2024, and is a nondiversified, closed-end management investment company registered under the Act. The Income Fund operates as an interval

Regulated Fund were a BDC subject to Section 57(o) of the Act.

⁸ The Board of each Future Regulated Fund will consist of a majority of members who are not "interested persons" of such Future Regulated Fund within the meaning of Section 2(a)(19) of the Act.

fund pursuant to Rule 23c-3 of the Act and intends to qualify annually <u>and has elected to be treated</u> as a regulated investment company under Sub-Chapter M of the <u>Internal Revenue</u> Code <u>of 1986, as amended. The Income</u> Fund's principal place of business is <u>Worldwide Plaza, 309 West 49th</u>c/o <u>UMB Fund Services at 235 West Galena</u> Street, <u>New York, NY 10019 7316. Milwaukee, WI 53212.</u>

Income Fund's investment objectives is to maximize risk adjusted total return, and the Fund will seek to provide are to seek to The achieve high current income as and modest capital appreciation. The Income Fund's secondary investment objective. Under normal market conditions, the is capital preservation. The Income Fund will-seeks to achieve its investment objectives by investing primarily in lending directly or indirectly to performing businesses, broadly defined as providing capital or assets to businesses or individuals in exchange for regular payments, or through the provision of capital to businesses or individuals by acquiring assets from those businesses or individuals that produce regular cash flows as an alternative to a traditional loan, such as receivables factoring or a sale and leaseback of real estate or equipment. Under normal market conditions, the Income Fund is expected to have at least a majority 80% of its assets (net assets, plus any borrowings for investment purposes) either directly invested in lending strategies that are expected to generate income. Investments may be made directly, or indirectly through mutual funds (including money market funds), business development companies, closed end funds, exchange traded funds and other registered and private investment companies across a wide array of global public and private credit markets, with allocations primarily focused on the private corporate, real estate, consumer, asset based, and specialty lending markets. Thea range of investment vehicles that Partners believes will ultimately achieve the investment objectives of the Income Fund, including but not limited to general or limited partnerships, funds, corporations, trusts or other investment vehicles (collectively, "Portfolio Funds"). Partners will allocate dynamically and diversify across investment vehicle type, collateral, geography, and other relevant factors based on Partners' assessment of the market environment and relative attractiveness of various credit opportunities.

<u>Income</u> Fund is managed under the direction of a Board, of which a majority of the members are not "interested" persons of the Income Fund within the meaning of Section 2(a)(19) of the Act.⁷

B. Nomura

C. Privacore

Privacore serves as the investment adviser to the Existing Regulated Funds. Privacore is a Delaware limited liability company that intends to register as an investment adviser with the Commission under the Advisers Act. Privacore has engaged Partners as a sub-adviser to identify investment opportunities and execute on its trading strategies subject to guidelines agreed to by Privacore and Partners. Privacore has established guidelines, monitoring and reporting procedures to evaluate the performance of Partners. Partners has sole responsibility for causing the Existing Regulated Funds and any Existing Affiliated Funds to enter into a Potential Co-Investment Transaction and is responsible for ensuring that the Privacore Adviser, the Regulated Funds, and any Affiliated Funds comply with the conditions of this Application.

D. Partners

Nomura Partners serves as the investment sub-adviser to the Existing Regulated Funds and serves as the investment adviser to the Fundor portfolio manager to each of the Existing Affiliated Funds, and either it or another Partners Adviser will serve as the investment adviser to any Future Regulated Fund or and investment adviser or portfolio manager to any Future Affiliated Fund. Nomura Partners is a Delaware limited liability company and partnership and is a registered as an investment adviser with the Commission under the Advisers Act.

The Nomura Partners Proprietary Accounts will hold various financial assets in a principal capacity. Nomura Partners and its affiliates may operate through wholly- or majority-owned subsidiaries. Currently, there are no Nomura Partners Proprietary Accounts or subsidiaries that exist and currently intend to participate in the Co-Investment Program.

Under the terms of the separate investment sub-advisory and advisory agreements with the Fund, Nomura each of the Existing Regulated Funds and Existing Affiliated Funds, respectively, Partners, among other things, will manages the investment portfolios, directs purchases and sales of portfolio securities and regularly reports thereon to the Fund's Existing Regulated Funds and Existing Affiliated Funds, as applicable, respective officers and Boards regularly.

CE. Existing Affiliated Funds

The Each Existing Affiliated Fund is an investment fund whose investment adviser is Nomura and a privately-offered fund that would be an investment company but for Section 3(c)(1) or 3(c)(7) of the Act. A complete list of the Existing Affiliated Funds

is included in **Schedule A**.

III. ORDER REQUESTED

Applicants respectfully request an Order of the Commission under Sections 17(d) and 57(i) and Rule 17d-1 thereunder to permit, subject to the terms and conditions set forth below in this Application (the "*Conditions*"), a Regulated Fund and one or more other Regulated Funds and/or one or more Affiliated Funds to enter into Co-Investment Transactions with each other.

The Regulated Funds and the Affiliated Funds seek relief to enter into Co-Investment Transactions because such Co-Investment Transactions would otherwise be prohibited by either or both of Section 17(d) or Section 57(a)(4) and the Rules under the Act. This Application seeks relief in order to (i) enable the Regulated Funds and Affiliated Funds to avoid, among other things, the practical commercial and/or economic difficulties of trying to structure, negotiate and persuade counterparties to enter into transactions while awaiting the granting of the relief requested in individual applications with respect to each Co-Investment Transaction that arises in the future and (ii) enable the Regulated Funds and the Affiliated Funds to avoid the significant legal and other expenses that would be incurred in preparing such individual applications.

Similar to the standard precedent used for the majority of co-investment applications (the "Standard Precedent"), Applicants seek relief that would permit Co-Investment Transactions in the form of initial investments, Follow-On Investments and Dispositions of investments in an issuer. In these cases, the terms and Conditions of this Application would govern the entire lifecycle of an investment with respect to a particular issuer, including both the initial investment and any subsequent transactions. Unlike the Standard Precedent, Applicants also seek the ability to make Follow-On Investments and Dispositions in issuers where the Regulated Funds and Affiliated Funds did not make their initial investments in reliance on the Order. Applicants seek this flexibility because the Regulated Funds and Affiliated Funds may, at times, invest in the same issuer without engaging in a prohibited joint transaction but then find that subsequent transactions with that issuer would be prohibited under the Act. Through the proposed "onboarding process," discussed below, Applicants would, under certain circumstances, be permitted to rely on the Order to complete subsequent Co-Investment Transactions. In Section A.1. below, Applicants first discuss the overall investment process that would apply to initial investments under the Order as well as subsequent transactions with issuers. In Sections A.3. and A.4. below, Applicants discuss additional procedures that apply to Follow-On Investments and Dispositions, including the onboarding process that applies when initial investments were made without relying on the Order.

A. Overview

The Advisers is are presented with a substantial number of investment opportunities each year on behalf of its clients and must determine how to allocate those opportunities in a manner that, over time, is fair and equitable to all of its clients, and without violating the prohibitions on joint transactions included in rule 17d-1 and section 57(a)(4) of the Act. Such investment opportunities may be Potential Co-Investment Transactions.

Applicants discuss the need for the requested relief in greater detail in Section III.C below.

The Applicants represent that the each Adviser has established rigorous processes for allocating initial investment opportunities, opportunities for subsequent investment in an issuer and dispositions of securities holdings reasonably designed to treat all clients fairly and equitably. As discussed below, these processes will be extended and modified in a manner reasonably designed to ensure that the additional transactions permitted under the Order will both (i) be fair and equitable to the Regulated Funds and Affiliated Funds and (ii) comply with the Conditions contained in the Order.

1. The Investment Process

The investment process consists of three stages: (i) the identification and consideration of investment opportunities (including follow-on investment opportunities); (ii) order placement and allocation; and (iii) consideration by each applicable Regulated Fund's Board when a Potential Co-Investment Transaction is being considered by one or more Regulated Funds, as provided by the Order.

(a) <u>Identification and Consideration of Investment Opportunities</u>

Opportunities for Potential Co-Investment Transactions may arise when investment advisory personnel of an Adviser becomes aware of investment opportunities that may be appropriate for one or more Regulated Funds and one or more Affiliated Funds. If the requested Order is granted, the Adviser will establish, maintain and implement policies and procedures reasonably

designed to ensure that, when such opportunities arise, the Adviser to the relevant Regulated Funds is promptly notified and receives the same information about the opportunity as any other Adviser considering the opportunity for its clients. In particular, consistent with Condition 1, if a Potential Co-Investment Transaction falls within the then-current Objectives and Strategies and any Board-Established Criteria of a Regulated Fund, the policies and procedures will require that the Adviser to such Regulated Fund receives sufficient information to allow such Adviser's investment committee to make its independent determination and recommendations under Conditions 1, 2(a), 6, 7, 8 and 9 (as applicable)⁸⁹. In addition, the policies and procedures will specify the individuals or roles responsible for carrying out the policies and procedures, including ensuring that the Adviser receive such information. After receiving notification of a Potential Co-Investment Transaction under Condition 1(a), the Adviser to each applicable Regulated Fund will then make an independent determination of the appropriateness of the investment for the Regulated Fund in light of the Regulated Fund's then-current circumstances.

Applicants represent that, if the requested Order is granted, the investment advisory personnel of the Adviser to the Regulated Funds will be charged with making sure they identify, and participate in this process with respect to, each investment opportunity that falls within the Objectives and Strategies and Board Established Criteria of each Regulated Fund. Applicants assert that the Adviser's allocation policies and procedures are structured so that the relevant investment advisory personnel for each Regulated Fund will be promptly notified of all Potential Co-Investment Transactions that fall within the then current Objectives and Strategies and Board Established Criteria of such Regulated Fund.

(b) Order Placement and Allocation

General. If the Adviser to a Regulated Fund deems the Regulated Fund's participation in any Potential Co-Investment Transaction to be appropriate, it will formulate a recommendation regarding the proposed order amount for the Regulated Fund. In doing so, the Adviser may consider such factors, among others, as investment guidelines, issuer, industry and geographical concentration, availability of cash and other opportunities for which cash is needed, tax considerations, leverage covenants, regulatory constraints (such as requirements under the Act), investment horizon, potential liquidity needs, and the Regulated Fund's risk concentration policies.

Allocation Procedure. For each Regulated Fund and Affiliated Fund whose Adviser recommends participating in a Potential Co-Investment Transaction, the Adviser's investment committee will approve an investment amount to be allocated to each Regulated Fund and/or Affiliated Fund participating in the Potential Co-Investment Transaction. Prior to the External Submission (as defined below), each proposed order amount may be reviewed and adjusted, in accordance with the Adviser's written allocation policies and procedures, by the Adviser's investment committee. In order of a Regulated Fund or Affiliated Fund resulting from this process is referred to as its "Internal Order". The Internal Order will be submitted for approval by the Required Majority of any participating Regulated Funds in accordance with the Conditions and as discussed in Section III.A.1.c below.

If the aggregate Internal Orders for a Potential Co-Investment Transaction do not exceed the size of the investment opportunity immediately prior to the submission of the orders to the underwriter, broker, dealer or issuer, as applicable (the "External Submission"), then each Internal Order will be fulfilled as placed. If, on the other hand, the aggregate Internal Orders for a Potential Co-Investment Transaction exceed the size of the investment opportunity immediately prior to the External Submission, then the allocation of the opportunity will be made pro rata on the basis of the size of the Internal Orders. If, subsequent to such External Submission, the size of the opportunity is increased or decreased, or if the terms of such opportunity, or the facts and circumstances applicable to the Regulated Funds' or the Affiliated Funds' consideration of the opportunity, change, the participants will be permitted to submit revised Internal Orders in accordance with written allocation policies and procedures that eachthe Advisers will establish, implement and maintain. The Board of the Regulated Fund will then either approve or disapprove of the investment opportunity in accordance with Condition 2, 6, 7, 8 or 9, as applicable.

Compliance. Applicants represent that each the Adviser's' allocation review process will be a robust process designed as part of its their overall compliance policies and procedures to ensure that every client is treated fairly and that the Advisers

⁸⁹ Representatives of the Adviser to a Regulated Fund will be members of each investment committee or otherwise entitled to participate in each meeting of any investment committee that is expected to approve or reject recommended investment opportunities falling within its Regulated Funds' Objectives and Strategies and Board-Established Criteria. Accordingly, the policies and procedures may provide, for example, that the Adviser will receive the information required under Condition 1 in conjunction with its representatives' participation in the relevant investment committee's meetings. The allocation memorandum for each Potential Co-Investment Transaction will document the recommendations by the investment committee.

⁹¹⁰ The reason for any such adjustment to a proposed order amount will be documented in writing and preserved in the records of the Advisers.

¹⁰ Each¹¹ The Adviser will maintain records of all proposed order amounts, Internal Orders and External Submissions in conjunction with Potential Co-Investment Transactions. Each applicable Adviser will provide the Eligible Trustees with information concerning the Affiliated Fund's and Regulated Funds' order sizes to assist the Eligible Trustees with their review of the applicable Regulated Fund's investments for compliance with the Conditions.

isare following itstheir allocation policies. The entire allocation process will be monitored and reviewed by the compliance team, led by the chief compliance officer, and approved by the Board of each Regulated Fundas it applies to such Regulated Fund.

(c) Approval of Potential Co-Investment Transactions

A Regulated Fund will enter into a Potential Co-Investment Transaction with one or more other Regulated Funds and/or Affiliated Funds only if, prior to the Regulated Fund's participation in the Potential Co-Investment Transaction, the Required Majority approves it in accordance with the Conditions of this Order.

A Regulated Fund may participate in Pro Rata Dispositions (defined below) and Pro Rata Follow-On Investments (defined below) without obtaining prior approval of the Required Majority in accordance with Conditions 6(c)(i) and 8(b)(i).

2. Delayed Settlement

All Regulated Funds and Affiliated Funds participating in a Co-Investment Transaction will invest at the same time, for the same price and with the same terms, conditions, class, registration rights and any other rights, so that none of them receives terms more favorable than any other. However, the settlement date for the Affiliated Fund in a Co-Investment Transaction may occur up to ten business days after the settlement date for a Regulated Fund, and vice versa. Nevertheless, in all cases, (i) the date on which the commitment of the Affiliated Funds and Regulated Funds is made will be the same even where the settlement date is not and (ii) the earliest settlement date and the latest settlement date of any Affiliated Fund or Regulated Fund participating in the transaction will occur within ten business days of each other.

3. Permitted Follow-On Investments and Approval of Follow-On Investments

From time to time, the Regulated Funds and Affiliated Funds may have opportunities to make Follow-On Investments in an issuer in which a Regulated Fund and one or more other Regulated Funds and/or Affiliated Funds previously have invested and continue to hold an investment. If the Order is granted, Follow-On Investments will be made in a manner that, over time, is fair and equitable to all of the Regulated Funds and the Affiliated Funds and in accordance with the proposed procedures discussed above and with the Conditions of the Order. The Order, if granted, would permit Affiliated Funds to participate in Follow-On Investments in issuers in which at least one Regulated Fund is invested, but such Affiliated Funds are not invested. This relief would not permit Follow-On Investments by Regulated Funds that are not invested in the issuer.

The Order would divide Follow-On Investments into two categories depending on whether the Regulated Funds and Affiliated Funds holding investments in the issuer previously participated in a Co-Investment Transaction with respect to the issuer and continue to hold any securities acquired in a Co-Investment Transaction for that issuer. If such Regulated Funds and Affiliated Funds have previously participated in a Co-Investment Transaction with respect to the issuer, then the terms and approval of the Follow-On Investment would be subject to the process discussed in Section III.A.3.a. below and governed by Condition 8. These Follow-On Investments are referred to as "Standard Review Follow-Ons." If such Regulated Funds and Affiliated Funds hold Pre Boarding Investments and have not previously participated in a Co-Investment Transaction with respect to the issuer, then the terms and approval of the Follow-On Investment would be subject to the "onboarding process" discussed in Section III.A.3.b. below and governed by Condition 9. These Follow-On Investments are referred to as "Enhanced Review Follow-Ons."

(a) Standard Review Follow-Ons

A Regulated Fund may invest in Standard Review Follow-Ons either with the approval of the Required Majority using the procedures required under Condition 8(c) or, where certain additional requirements are met, without Board approval under Condition 8(b).

A Regulated Fund may participate in a Standard Review Follow-On without obtaining the prior approval of the Required Majority if it is (i) a Pro Rata Follow-On Investment or (ii) a Non-Negotiated Follow-On Investment.

A "Pro Rata Follow-On Investment" is a Follow-On Investment (i) in which the participation of each Affiliated Fund and each Regulated Fund is proportionate to its outstanding investments in the issuer or security, as appropriate, ¹¹² immediately preceding the Follow-On Investment, and (ii) in the case of a Regulated Fund, a majority of the Board has approved the Regulated Fund's participation in the pro rata Follow-On Investments as being in the best interests of the Regulated Fund. The Regulated Fund's Board may refuse to approve, or at any time rescind, suspend or qualify, its approval of Pro Rata Follow-On

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¹¹¹² See note 3528, below.

Investments, in which case all subsequent Follow-On Investments will be submitted to the Regulated Fund's Eligible Trustees in accordance with Condition 8(c).

A "Non-Negotiated Follow-On Investment" is a Follow-On Investment in which a Regulated Fund participates together with one or more Affiliated Funds and/or one or more other Regulated Funds (i) in which the only term negotiated by or on behalf of the funds is price and (ii) with respect to which, if the transaction were considered on its own, the funds would be entitled to rely on one of the JT No-Action Letters.

Applicants believe that these Pro Rata and Non-Negotiated Follow-On Investments do not present a significant opportunity for overreaching on the part of any Adviser and thus do not warrant the time or the attention of the Board. Pro Rata Follow-On Investments and Non-Negotiated Follow-On Investments remain subject to the Board's periodic review in accordance with Condition 10.

(b) Enhanced Review Follow-Ons

One or more Regulated Funds and/or one or more Affiliated Funds holding Pre-Boarding Investments may have the opportunity to make a Follow-On Investment that is a Potential Co-Investment Transaction in an issuer with respect to which they have not previously participated in a Co-Investment Transaction. In these cases, the Regulated Funds and Affiliated Funds may rely on the Order to make such Follow-On Investment subject to the requirements of Condition 9. These enhanced review requirements constitute an "onboarding process" whereby Regulated Funds and Affiliated Funds may utilize the Order to participate in Co-Investment Transactions even though they already hold Pre-Boarding Investments. For a given issuer, the participating Regulated Funds and Affiliated Funds need to comply with these requirements only for the first Co-Investment Transaction. Subsequent Co-Investment Transactions with respect to the issuer will be governed by Condition 8 under the standard review process.

4. Dispositions

The Regulated Funds and Affiliated Funds may be presented with opportunities to sell, exchange or otherwise dispose of securities in a transaction that would be prohibited by Rule 17d-1 or Section 57(a)(4), as applicable. If the Order is granted, such Dispositions will be made in a manner that, over time, is fair and equitable to all of the Regulated and Affiliated Funds and in accordance with procedures set forth in the proposed Conditions to the Order and discussed below.

The Order would divide these Dispositions into two categories: (i) if the Regulated Funds and the Affiliated Funds holding investments in the issuer have previously participated in a Co-Investment Transaction with respect to the issuer and continue to hold any securities acquired in a Co-Investment Transaction for such issuer, then the terms and approval of the Disposition (hereinafter referred to as "Standard Review Dispositions") would be subject to the process discussed in Section III.A.4.a. below and governed by Condition 6; and (ii) if the Regulated Funds and Affiliated Funds have not previously participated in a Co-Investment Transaction with respect to the issuer, then the terms and approval of the Disposition (hereinafter referred to as "Enhanced Review Dispositions") would be subject to the same "onboarding process" discussed in Section III.A.4.b. below and governed by Condition 7.

(a) Standard Review Dispositions

A Regulated Fund may participate in a Standard Review Disposition either with the approval of the Required Majority using the standard procedures required under Condition 6(d) or, where certain additional requirements are met, without Board approval under Condition 6(c).

A Regulated Fund may participate in a Standard Review Disposition without obtaining the prior approval of the Required Majority if (i) the Disposition is a Pro Rata Disposition or (ii) the securities are Tradable Securities and the Disposition meets the other requirements of Condition 6(c)(ii).

A "*Pro Rata Disposition*" is a Disposition (i) in which the participation of each Affiliated Fund and each Regulated Fund is proportionate to its outstanding investment in the security subject to Disposition immediately preceding the Disposition; ¹² 13 and (ii) in the case of a Regulated Fund, a majority of the Board has approved the Regulated Fund's participation in pro rata Dispositions as being in the best interests of the Regulated Fund. The Regulated Fund's Board may refuse to approve, or at any time rescind, suspend or qualify, their approval of Pro Rata Dispositions, in which case all subsequent Dispositions will be submitted to the Regulated Fund's Eligible Trustees.

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¹²¹³ See note 3328, below.

In the case of a Tradable Security, approval of the required majority is not required for the Disposition if: (x) the Disposition is not to the issuer or any affiliated person of the issuer; ¹³ and (y) the security is sold for cash in a transaction in which the only term negotiated by or on behalf of the participating Regulated Funds and Affiliated Funds is price. Pro Rata Dispositions and Dispositions of a Tradable Security remain subject to the Board's periodic review in accordance with Condition 10.

(b) Enhanced Review Dispositions

One or more Regulated Funds and one or more Affiliated Funds that have not previously participated in a Co-Investment Transaction with respect to an issuer may have the opportunity to make a Disposition of Pre-Boarding Investments in a Potential Co-Investment Transaction. In these cases, the Regulated Funds and Affiliated Funds may rely on the Order to make such Disposition subject to the requirements of Condition 7. As discussed above, with respect to investment in a given issuer, the participating Regulated Funds and Affiliated Funds need only complete the onboarding process for the first Co-Investment Transaction, which may be an Enhanced Review Follow-On or an Enhanced Review Disposition. 4415 Subsequent Co-Investment Transactions with respect to the issuer will be governed by Condition 6 or 8 under the standard review process.

5. Use of Wholly Owned Investment Subs

A Regulated Fund may, from time to time, form one or more Wholly-Owned Investment Subs. Such a subsidiary may be prohibited from investing in a Co-Investment Transaction with a Regulated Fund (other than its parent) or any Affiliated Fund because it would be a company controlled by its parent Regulated Fund for purposes of Section 57(a)(4) and Rule 17d-1. Applicants request that each Wholly-Owned Investment Sub be permitted to participate in Co-Investment Transactions in lieu of the applicable parent Regulated Fund that owns it and that the Wholly-Owned Investment Sub's participation in any such transaction be treated, for purposes of the Order, as though the parent Regulated Fund were participating directly.

B. Applicable Law

1. Section 17(d) and Section 57(a)(4)

Section 17(d) of the Act generally prohibits an affiliated person (as defined in Section 2(a)(3) of the Act), or an affiliated person of such affiliated person, of a registered investment company acting as principal, from effecting any transaction in which the registered investment company is a joint or a joint and several participant, in contravention of such rules as the Commission may prescribe for the purpose of limiting or preventing participation by the registered investment company on a basis different from or less advantageous than that of such other participant.

Similarly, with regard to BDCs, Section 57(a)(4) prohibits certain persons specified in Section 57(b) from participating in a joint transaction with the BDC, or a company controlled by the BDC, in contravention of rules as prescribed by the Commission. In particular, Section 57(a)(4) applies to:

- Any director, officer, employee, or member of an advisory board of a BDC or any person (other than the BDC itself) who is an affiliated person of the forgoing pursuant to Section 2(a)(3)(C); or
- Any investment adviser or promoter of, general partner in, principal underwriter for, or person directly or indirectly either controlling, controlled by, or under common control with, a BDC (except the BDC itself and any person who, if it were not directly or indirectly controlled by the BDC, would not be directly or indirectly under the control of a person who controls the BDC); ¹⁶ or any person who is an affiliated person of any of the forgoing within the meaning of Section 2(a)(3)(C) or (D).

¹³/₁₄ In the case of a Tradable Security, Dispositions to the issuer or an affiliated person of the issuer are not permitted so that funds participating in the Disposition do not benefit to the detriment of Regulated Funds that remain invested in the issuer. For example, if a Disposition of a Tradable Security were permitted to be made to the issuer, the issuer may be reducing its short-term assets (i.e., cash) to pay down long term liabilities.

¹⁴¹⁵ However, with respect to an issuer, if a Regulated Fund's first Co-Investment Transaction is an Enhanced Review Disposition, and the Regulated Fund does not dispose of its entire position in the Enhanced Review Disposition, then before such Regulated Fund may complete its first Standard Review Follow-On in such issuer, the Eligible Trustees must review the proposed Follow-On Investment not only on a stand-alone basis but also in relation to the total economic exposure in such issuer (i.e., in combination with the portion of the Pre-Boarding Investment not disposed of in the Enhanced Review Disposition), and the other terms of the investments. This additional review is required because such findings were not required in connection with the prior Enhanced Review Disposition, but they would have been required had the first Co-Investment Transaction been an Enhanced Review Follow-On.

⁴⁵¹⁶ Also excluded from this category by Rule 57b-1 is any person who would otherwise be included (a) solely because that person is directly or indirectly

Section 2(a)(3)(C) defines an "affiliated person" of another person to include any person directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by, or under common control with, such other person. Section 2(a)(3)(D) defines "any officer, director, partner, copartner, or employee" of an affiliated person as an affiliated person. Section 2(a)(9) defines "control" as the power to exercise a controlling influence over the management or policies of a company, unless such power is solely the result of an official position with that company. Under Section 2(a)(9) a person who beneficially owns, either directly or through one or more controlled companies, more than 25% of the voting securities of a company is presumed to control such company. The Commission and its staff have indicated on a number of occasions their belief that an investment adviser that provides discretionary investment management services to a fund and that sponsored, selected the initial directors, and provides administrative or other non-advisory services to the fund, controls such fund, absent compelling evidence to the contrary. ¹⁶¹⁷

2. Rule 17d-1

Rule 17d-1 generally prohibits an affiliated person (as defined in Section 2(a)(3)), or an affiliated person of such affiliated person, of a registered investment company acting as principal, from effecting any transaction in which the registered investment company, or a company controlled by such registered company, is a joint or a joint and several participant, in contravention of such rules as the Commission may prescribe for the purpose of limiting or preventing participation by the registered investment company on a basis different from or less advantageous than that of such first or second tier affiliate. Rule 17d-1 generally prohibits participation by a registered investment company and an affiliated person (as defined in Section 2(a)(3)) or principal underwriter for that investment company, or an affiliated person of such affiliated person or principal underwriter, in any "joint enterprise or other joint arrangement or profit-sharing plan," as defined in the rule, without prior approval by the Commission by order upon application.

Rule 17d-1 was promulgated by the Commission pursuant to Section 17(d) and made applicable to persons subject to Sections 57(a) and (d) by Section 57(i) to the extent specified therein. Section 57(i) provides that, until the Commission prescribes rules under Sections 57(a) and (d), the Commission's rules under Section 17(d) applicable to registered closed-end investment companies will be deemed to apply to persons subject to the prohibitions of Section 57(a) or (d). Because the Commission has not adopted any rules under Section 57(a) or (d), Rule 17d-1 applies to persons subject to the prohibitions of Section 57(a) or (d).

Applicants seek relief pursuant to Rule 17d-1, which permits the Commission to authorize joint transactions upon application. In passing upon applications filed pursuant to Rule 17d-1, the Commission is directed by Rule 17d-1(b) to consider whether the participation of a registered investment company or controlled company thereof in the joint enterprise or joint arrangement under scrutiny is consistent with provisions, policies and purposes of the Act and the extent to which such participation is on a basis different from or less advantageous than that of other participants.

The Commission has stated that Section 17(d), upon which Rule 17d-1 is based, and upon which Section 57(a)(4) was modeled, was designed to protect investment companies from self-dealing and overreaching by insiders. The Commission has also taken notice that there may be transactions subject to these prohibitions that do not present the dangers of overreaching. The Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit has enunciated a like rationale for the purpose behind Section 17(d): "The objective of [Section] 17(d)...is to prevent...injuring the interest of stockholders of registered investment companies by causing the company to participate on a basis different from or less advantageous than that of such other participants." Furthermore, Congress acknowledged that the protective system established by the enactment of Section 57 is "similar to that applicable to registered investment companies under Section 17, and rules thereunder, but is modified to address concerns relating to unique characteristics presented by business development companies." 1920

Applicants believe that the Conditions would ensure that the conflicts of interest that Section 17(d) and Section 57(a)(4) were designed to prevent would be addressed and the standards for an order under Rule 17d-1 and Section 57(i) would be met.

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controlled by a BDC, or (b) solely because that person is, within the meaning of Section 2(a)(3)(C) or (D), an affiliated person of a person described in (a) above.

¹⁶¹⁷ See, e.g., SEC Rel. No. IC-4697 (Sept. 8, 1966) ("For purposes of Section 2(a)(3)(C), affiliation based upon control would depend on the facts of the given situation, including such factors as extensive interlocks of officers, directors or key personnel, common investment advisers or underwriters, etc."); Lazard Freres Asset Management, SEC No-Action Letter (pub. avail. Jan. 10, 1997) ("While, in some circumstances, the nature of an advisory relationship may give an adviser control over its client's management or policies, whether an investment company and another entity are under common control is a factual question...").

Fig. See Protecting Investors: A Half-Century of Investment Company Regulation, 1504 Fed. Sec. L. Rep., Extra Edition (May 29, 1992) at 488 et seq.

¹⁸¹⁹ Securities and Exchange Commission v. Talley Industries, Inc., 399 F.2d 396, 405 (2d Cir. 1968), cert. denied, 393 U.S. 1015 (1969).

¹⁹²⁰ H.Rep. No. 96-1341, 96th Cong., 2d Sess. 45 (1980) reprinted in 1980 U.S.C.C.A.N. 4827.

C. Need for Relief

<u>Co-Investment</u> Transactions are prohibited by either or both of Rule 17d-1 and Section 57(a)(4) without a prior exemptive order of the Commission to the extent that the Affiliated Funds and the Regulated Funds participating in such transactions fall within the category of persons described by Rule 17d-1 and/or Section 57(b), as modified by Rule 57b-1 thereunder, as applicable, vis-à-vis each participating Regulated Fund.

Each of the participating Regulated Funds and Affiliated. The Advisers are Privacore and Partners. Privacore is the investment adviser to the Existing Regulated Funds, and Partners is the investment sub-adviser to the Existing Regulated Funds. The Future Regulated Funds will be advised (and sub-advised, if applicable) by a Partners Adviser. An Adviser may be deemed to control an Existing Regulated Fund, any other Adviser will be controlling, controlled by, or under common control with either Privacore or Partners. In addition, Partners is investment adviser or portfolio manager to each of the Existing Affiliated Funds. The Future Affiliated Funds will be advised (and sub-advised, if applicable) or managed by a Partners Adviser. The Regulated Funds may be deemed to be under common control, and thus affiliated persons vis a vis a Regulated Fund within the meaning of of each other under Section 2(a)(3) by reason of common control because (i) Nomura is the investment adviser to, and may be deemed to control, the Fund, and an Adviser to the Regulated Funds will be the investment adviser to, and may be deemed to control, any Future Regulated Fund; (iii) Nomura is the investment adviser to, and may be deemed to control, the Existing Affiliated Fund and an Adviser will be the investment adviser to, and may be deemed to control, any other Affiliated Fund; and (iii) any Adviser to Affiliated Funds and any Adviser to Regulated Funds will(C) of the Act. In addition, the Affiliated Funds may be deemed to be under common control with the Regulated Funds, and thus affiliated persons of each Regulated Fund under Section 2(a)(3)(C) of the Act. Each of the Affiliated Funds could be deemed to be a person related to the Regulated Funds in a manner described by Section 57(b) and related to the other Regulated Funds in a manner described by Rule 17d-1; and therefore, the prohibitions of Rule 17d-1 and Section 57(a)(4) would apply respectively to prohibit the Affiliated Funds from participating in Co-Investment Transactions with the Regulated Funds.

In addition, because the Nomura Partners Proprietary Accounts are controlled by the Adviser or its affiliates and Partners, therefore, may be under common control with the Existing Regulated Funds, any future Advisers, and any Future Regulated Funds, and the Nomura Partners Proprietary Accounts could be deemed to be persons related to the Regulated Funds (or a company controlled by the Regulated Funds) in a manner described by Section 17(d) or Section 57(b) and also prohibited from participating in the Co-Investment Program. Each Regulated Fund would also be related to each other Regulated Fund in a manner described by 57(b) or rule 17d-1, as applicable, and thus prohibited from participating in Co-Investment Transactions with each other.

D. Precedents

The Commission has issued numerous exemptive orders under the Act permitting registered investment companies and BDCs to co-invest with affiliated persons. Although the various, including precedents involveding somewhat different formulae,

²⁰ See, e.g., Fidelity Private Credit Fund, et al. (File No. 812-15307) Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 34803 (January 11, 2023) (notice) and 34831 (February 13, 2023) (order); Forum Real Estate Income Fund, et al. (File No. 812-15355) Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 34780 (December 21, 2022) (notice) and 34810 (January 18, 2023) (order); PCM Fund, Inc., et al. (File No. 812-15248) Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 34779 (December 19, 2022) (notice) and 34808 (January 17, 2023) (order); ACAP Strategic Fund, et al. (File No. 812-15285) Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 34777 (December 16, 2022) (notice) and 34806 (January 13, 2023) (order); Golub Capital BDC, Inc., et al. (File No. 812-15326) Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 34775 (December 16, 2022) (notice) and 34805 (January 13, 2023) (order); Silver Spike Investment Corp., et al. (File No. 812-15339) Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 34771 (December 12, 2022) (notice) and 34798 (January 9, 2023) (order); MidCap Financial Investment Corporation, et al. (File No. 812-15382) Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 34770 (December 9, 2022) (notice) and 34799 (January 10, 2023) (order); Monroe Capital Corporation, et al. (File No. 812-15388) Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 34769 (December 8, 2022) (notice) and 34800 (January 10, 2023) (order); Varagon Capital Corporation, et al. (File No. 812-15361) Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 34766 (November 29, 2022) (notice) and 34788 (December 22, 2022) (order); Goldman Sachs BDC, Inc., et al. (File No. 812-15237) Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 34533 (March 15, 2022) (notice) and 34753 (November 16, 2022) (order); Main Street Capital Corporation, et al. (File No. 812-15362) Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 34726 (October 11, 2022) (notice) and 34748 (November 8, 2022) (order); PennantPark Investment Advisers, LLC, et al. (File No. 812-15305) Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 34723 (October 3, 2022) (notice) and 34742 (October 28, 2022) (order); Neuberger Berman BDC LLC, et al. (File No. 812-15378) Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 34719 (September 29, 2022) (notice) and 34730 (October 25, 2022) (order); Nuveen Churchill Direct Lending Corp., et al. (File No. 812-15322) Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 34702 (September 15, 2022) (notice) and 34728 (October 14, 2022) (order); Ares Capital Corporation, et al. (File No. 812-15368) Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 34699 (September 8, 2022) (notice) and 34722 (September 30, 2022) (order); John Hancock Asset-Based Lending Fund, et al. (File No. 812-15286) Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 34690 (August 29, 2022) (notice) and 34718 (September 26, 2022) (order); Cypress Creek Private Strategies Master Fund, L.P., et al. (File No. 812-15283) Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 34645 (July 11, 2022) (notice) and 34666 (August 8, 2022) (order); Blackstone Floating Rate Enhanced Income Fund, et al. (File No. 812-15317) Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 34581 (May 11, 2022) (notice) and 34612 (June 7, 2022); Stellus Capital Investment Corporation, et al. (File No. 812-15255) Investment Company Act Rel Nos. 34556 (April 11, 2022) (notice) and 34579 (May 9, 2022) (order); BlackRock Capital Advisors, the Commission has accepted, as a basis for relief from the prohibitions on joint transactions, use of allocation and approval procedures to protect the interests of investors in the BDCs and registered investment companies, proprietary accounts. The relief requested in this Application with respect to Follow-On-On-Investments is based on the application of BlackRock Capital Investment Corporation and its affiliates, for which an order was issued on April 14, 2022, and the temporary relief granted by the Commission on April 8, 2020, and subsequent exemptive relief. Applicants submit that the allocation procedures set forth in the Conditions for relief are consistent with and expand the range of investor protections found in the cited orders we cite.

Ares Capital Corporation and its affiliates; Variant Alternative Income Fund and its affiliates; MVP Private Markets Fund and its affiliates; Hamilton Lane Private Assets Fund and its affiliates; Apollo Investment Corporation and its affiliates; and Oaktree Strategic Income, LLC and its affiliates, each previously received exemptive relief consistent with the relief Applicants are requesting herein. Thus, Applicants based the Application on the applications of Ares Capital Corporation and its affiliates, for which an order was issued on September 30, 2022 (the "Ares Order"), ²³Variant Alternative Income Fund and its affiliates, for which an order was issued on January 19, 2022 (the "Variant Order"), MVP Private Markets Fund and its affiliates, for which an order was issued on August 11, 2021 (the "MVP Order"), ²³Hamilton Lane Private Assets Fund and its affiliates, for which an order was granted on March 29, 2016 (the "Apollo Order"), ²³and Oaktree Strategic Income, LLC and its affiliates, for which an order was granted on October 18, 2017 (the "OakTree Order"), ²³Applicants believe that the relief requested herein is consistent with the policy underlying the Ares Order, Variant Order, MVP Order, Hamilton Lane Order, the Apollo Order and the Oaktree Order as well as co-investment relief granted by the Commission to other BDCs and to registered closed end funds.

The Commission also has issued orders extending co-investment relief to proprietary accounts.²⁹

et al. (File No. 812-15259) Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 34558 (April 14, 2022) (order) and Nos. 34535 (March 18, 2022) (notice); and Hamilton Lane Private Assets Fund, et al. (File No. 812-15099) Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 34182 (January 28, 2021) (notice) and 34201 (February 23, 2021) (order);

²¹ See, e.g., First Trust Real Assets Fund, et al. (File. No. 812-15381) Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 35064 (February 28, 2024) and 35150 (March 26, 2024); John Hancock GA Mortgage Trust, et al. (File No. 812-15458) Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 35050 (November 16, 2023) and 35064 (December 12, 2023); Kayne Anderson Energy Infrastructure Fund, Inc., et al. (File No. 812-15392) Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 35046 (November 6, 2023) and 35062 (December 4, 2023); Nomura Alternative Income Fund., et al. (File No. 812-15439) Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 35045 (November 3, 2023) and 35062 (November 29, 2023); 26North BDC et al. (File No. 812-15398) Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 35036 (October 24, 2023) and 35049 (November 15, 2023); Brookfield Infrastructure Income Fund Inc., et al. (File No. 812-15415) Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 35001 (September 20, 2023) and 35032 (October 17, 2023); Onex Falcon Direct Lending BDC Fund, et al. (File No. 812-15462) Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 34994 (August 30, 2023) and 35023 (September 26, 2023); T. Rowe Price OHA Select Private Credit Fund, et al. (File No. 812-15461) Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 34963 (July 24, 2023) and 34987 (August 21, 2023); KKR Real Estate Select Trust Inc., et al. (File No. 812-15181) Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 34962 (July 18, 2023) and 34985 (August 15, 2023); MBC Total Private Credit Markets Access Fund, et al. (File No. 812-15422) Investment Company Act Rel Nos. 34953 (June 28, 2023) and 34965 (July 25, 2023); Vista Credit Strategic Lending, et al. (File No. 812-15323) Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 34946 (June 20, 2023) and 34961 (July 18, 2023); Hartford Schroders Private Opportunities Fund, et al. (File No. 812-15304) Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 34915 (May 11, 2023) and 34940 (June 6, 2023); JPM Private Markets Fund, et al. (File No. 812-15396) Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 34914 (May 10, 2023) and 34939 (June 6, 2023); Calamos Aksia Alternative Credit and Income Fund, et al. (File No. 812-15448) Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 34911 (May 8, 2023) and 34936 (June 2, 2023); Fidelity Private Credit Fund, et al. (File No. 812-15307) Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 34803 (January 11, 2023) (notice) and 34831 (February 13, 2023) (order).

²¹-BlackRock Capital Advisors, et al. (File No. 812-15259) Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 34558 (April 14, 2022) (order) and Nos. 34535 (March 18, 2022) (notice).

²² BDC Temporary Exemptive Order, Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 33837 (April 8, 2020) (order) (extension granted January 5, 2021 and further extension granted April 22, 2021).

²² See, e.g., Varagon Capital Corporation, et al. (File No. 812-15361) Release No. IC- 34766 (Nov. 29, 2022) (notice), Release No. IC- 34788 (Dec. 22, 2022) (order); Stellus Capital Investment Corp., et al. (File No. 812-15255) Release No. IC-34556 (Apr. 11, 2022) (notice), Release No. IC-34579 (May 9, 2022) (order); BlackRock Capital Investment Corp., et al. (File No. 812-15259) Release No. IC-34535 (Mar. 18, 2022) (notice), Release No. IC-34558 (Apr. 14, 2022) (order); BDC Temporary Exemptive Order, Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 33837 (April 8, 2020) (order) (extension granted January 5, 2021 and further extension granted April 22, 2021).

²³ See Ares Capital Corporation, et al. (File No. 81215368) Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 34699 (September 8, 2022) (notice) and 34722 (September 30, 2022) (order).

²⁴ See <u>Variant Alternative Income Fund, et al.</u> (File No. 812-15265) Release No. IC-34476 (January 19, 2022) (order); Release No. IC-34452 (December 23, 2021) (notice).

²⁵ See MVP Private Markets Fund, et al. (File No. 812-15244) Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 34356 (August 11, 2021) (order) and 34334 (July 16, 2021) (notice).

²⁶ See Hamilton Lane Private Assets Fund, et al. (File No. 812-15099) Release No. IC-34201 (February 23, 2021) (order), Release No. IC-34182 (January 28, 2021) (notice).

²⁷ See Apollo Investment Corporation, et al. (File No. 812-13754) Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 32019 (March 2, 2016) (notice) and 32057 (March 29, 2016) (order).

²⁸ See Oaktree Strategic Income, LLC, et al. (File No. 812-14758) Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 32831 (September 22, 2017) (notice) and 32862 (October 18, 2017) (order).

²⁹ See John Hancock Asset-Based Lending Fund, et al. (File No. 812-15286) Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 34690 (August 29, 2022) (notice) and 34718 (September 26, 2022) (order); Rand Capital Corporation, et al. (File No. 812-15348) Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 34667 (August 9, 2022) (notice) and

IV. Statement in Support of Relief Requested

In accordance with Rule 17d-1 (made applicable to transactions subject to Section 57(a) by Section 57(i)), the Commission may grant the requested relief as to any particular joint transaction if it finds that the participation of the Regulated Funds in the joint transaction is consistent with the provisions, policies and purposes of the Act and is not on a basis different from or less advantageous than that of other participants. Applicants submit that allowing the Co-Investment Transactions described in this Application is justified on the basis of (i) the potential benefits to the Regulated Funds and the shareholders thereof and (ii) the protections found in the Conditions.

As required by Rule 17d-1(b), the Conditions ensure that the terms on which Co-Investment Transactions may be made will be consistent with the participation of the Regulated Funds being on a basis that it is neither different from nor less advantageous than other participants, thus protecting the equity holders of any participant from being disadvantaged. The Conditions ensure that all Co-Investment Transactions are reasonable and fair to the Regulated Funds and their shareholders and do not involve overreaching by any person concerned, including the Advisers.

A. Potential Benefits

In the absence of the relief sought hereby, in many circumstances, the Regulated Funds would be limited in their ability to participate in attractive and appropriate investment opportunities. Section 17(d), Section 57(a)(4) and Rule 17d-1 should not prevent BDCs and registered closed-end investment companies from making investments that are in the best interests of their shareholders.

Each Regulated Fund and its shareholders will benefit from the ability to participate in Co-Investment Transactions.

The Board, including the Required Majority, of each Regulated Fund will determine that it is in the best interests of the Regulated Fund to participate in Co-Investment Transactions because, among other matters, (i) the Regulated Fund should be able to participate in a larger number and greater variety of transactions; (ii) the Regulated Fund should be able to participate in larger transactions; (iii) the Regulated Fund should be able to participate in all opportunities approved by a Required Majority or otherwise permissible under the Order rather than risk underperformance through rotational allocation of opportunities among the Regulated Funds; (iv) the Regulated Fund and any other Regulated Funds participating in the proposed investment should have greater bargaining power, more control over the investment and less need to bring in other external investors or structure investments to satisfy the different needs of external investors; (v) the Regulated Fund should be able to obtain greater attention and better deal flow from investment bankers and others who act as sources of investments; and (vi) the Conditions are fair to the Regulated Funds and their shareholders.

B. Protective Representations and Conditions

The Conditions ensure that the proposed Co-Investment Transactions are consistent with the protection of each Regulated Fund's shareholders and with the purposes intended by the policies and provisions of the Act. Specifically, the Conditions incorporate the following critical protections: (i) all Regulated Funds participating in the Co-Investment Transactions will invest at the same time (except that, subject to the limitations in the Conditions, the settlement date for an Affiliated Fund in a Co-Investment Transaction may occur up to ten business days after the settlement date for the Regulated Fund, and vice versa), for the same price and with the same terms, conditions, class, registration rights and any other rights, so that none of them receives terms more favorable than any other; (ii) a Required Majority of each Regulated Fund must approve various investment decisions (not including transactions completed on a pro rata basis pursuant to Conditions 6(c)(i) and 8(b)(i) or otherwise not requiring Board approval) with respect to such Regulated Fund in accordance with the Conditions; and (iii) the Regulated Funds are required to retain and maintain certain records.

Applicants believe that participation by the Regulated Funds in Pro Rata Follow-On Investments and Pro Rata Dispositions, as provided in Conditions 6(c)(i) and 8(b)(i), is consistent with the provisions, policies and purposes of the Act and will not be made on a basis different from or less advantageous than that of other participants. A formulaic approach, such as pro rata investment or disposition eliminates the possibility for overreaching and unnecessary prior review by the Board.

^{34695 (}September 6, 2022) (order); Cypress Creek Private Strategies Master Fund, L.P., et al. (File No. 812-15283) Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 34645 (July 11, 2022) (notice) and 34666 (August 8, 2022) (order); Blackstone Floating Rate Enhanced Income Fund, et al. (File No. 812-15317) Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 34581 (May 11, 2022) (notice) and 34612 (June 7, 2022); and Stellus Capital Investment Corporation, et al. (File No. 812-15255) Investment Company Act Rel Nos. 34566 (April 11, 2022) (notice) and 34579 (May 9, 2022) (order).

Applicants note that the Commission has adopted a similar pro rata approach in the context of Rule 23c-2, which relates to the redemption by a closed-end investment company of less than all of a class of its securities, indicating the general fairness and lack of overreaching that such approach provides.

Applicants also believe that the participation by the Regulated Funds in Non-Negotiated Follow-On Investments and in Dispositions of Tradable Securities without the approval of a Required Majority is consistent with the provisions, policies and purposes of the Act as there is no opportunity for overreaching by affiliates.

If an Adviser, its principals, or any person controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the Adviser or its principals, and the Affiliated Funds (collectively, the "*Holders*") own in the aggregate more than 25 percent of the outstanding voting shares of a Regulated Fund (the "*Shares*"), then the Holders will vote such Shares as required under Condition 15.

In sum, Applicants believe that the Conditions would ensure that each Regulated Fund that participates in any type of Co-Investment Transaction does not participate on a basis different from, or less advantageous than, that of such other participants for purposes of Section 17(d) or Section 57(a)(4) and the Rules under the Act. As a result, Applicants believe that the participation of the Regulated Funds in Co-Investment Transactions in accordance with the Conditions would be consistent with the provisions, policies, and purposes of the Act, and would be done in a manner that was not different from, or less advantageous than, the other participants.

D. Conditions

Applicants agree that any Order granting the requested relief shall be subject to the following conditions:

1. Identification and Referral of Potential Co-Investment Transactions

(a) Each (a) The Advisers will establish, maintain and implement policies and procedures reasonably designed to ensure that each Adviser is promptly notified of all Potential Co-Investment Transactions that fall within the thencurrent Objectives and Strategies and Board-Established Criteria of any Regulated Fund the Adviser manages.

(b) When an Adviser to a Regulated Fund is notified of a Potential Co-Investment Transaction under Condition 1(a), the Adviser will make an independent determination of the appropriateness of the investment for the Regulated Fund in light of the Regulated Fund's then-current circumstances.

2. Board Approvals of Co-Investment Transactions

(a) If an Adviser deems a Regulated Fund's participation in any Potential Co-Investment Transaction to be appropriate for the Regulated Fund, it will then determine an appropriate level of investment for the Regulated Fund.

(b) If the aggregate amount recommended by an Adviser to be invested in the Potential Co-Investment Transaction by the participating Regulated Funds and any participating Affiliated Funds, collectively, exceeds the amount of the investment opportunity, the investment opportunity will be allocated among them pro rata based on the size of the Internal Orders, as described in Section III.A.1.b. above. Each Adviser to a participating Regulated Fund will promptly notify and provide the Eligible Trustees with information concerning the Affiliated Funds' and Regulated Funds' order sizes to assist the Eligible Trustees with their review of the applicable Regulated Fund's investments for compliance with these Conditions.

(c) After making the determinations required in Condition 1(b) above, each Adviser to a participating Regulated Fund will distribute written information concerning the Potential Co-Investment Transaction (including the amount proposed to be invested by each participating Regulated Fund and each participating Affiliated Fund) to the Eligible Trustees of its participating Regulated Fund(s) for their consideration. A Regulated Fund will enter into a Co-Investment Transaction with one or more other Regulated Funds or the Affiliated Funds only if, prior to the Regulated Fund's participation in the Potential Co-Investment Transaction, a Required Majority concludes that:

(i) the terms of the transaction, including the consideration to be paid, are reasonable and fair to the Regulated Fund and its shareholders and do not involve overreaching in respect of the Regulated Fund or its shareholders on the part of any person concerned;

(ii) the transaction is consistent with:

- (A) the interests of the Regulated Fund's shareholders; and
- (B) the Regulated Fund's then-current Objectives and Strategies;

(iii) the investment by any other Regulated Fund(s) or Affiliated Fund(s) would not disadvantage the Regulated Fund, and participation by the Regulated Fund would not be on a basis different from, or less advantageous than, that of any other Regulated Fund(s) or Affiliated Fund(s) participating in the transaction; provided that the Required Majority shall not be prohibited from reaching the conclusions required by this Condition 2(c)(iii) if:

(A) the settlement date for another Regulated Fund or an Affiliated Fund in a Co-Investment Transaction is later than the settlement date for the Regulated Fund by no more than ten business days or earlier than the settlement date for the Regulated Fund by no more than ten business days, in either case, so long as: (x) the date on which the commitment of the Affiliated Fund and Regulated Funds is made is the same; and (y) the earliest settlement date and the latest settlement date of any Affiliated Fund or Regulated Fund participating in the transaction will occur within ten business days of each other; or

(B) any other Regulated Fund or Affiliated Fund, but not the Regulated Fund itself, gains the right to nominate a director for election to a portfolio company's board of directors, the right to have a board observer or any similar right to participate in the governance or management of the portfolio company so long as: (x) the Eligible Trustees will have the right to ratify the selection of such director or board observer, if any; (y) the Adviser agrees to, and does, provide periodic reports to the Regulated Fund's Board with respect to the actions of such director or the information received by such board observer or obtained through the exercise of any similar right to participate in the governance or management of the portfolio company; and (z) any fees or other compensation that any other Regulated Fund or Affiliated Fund or any affiliated person of any other Regulated Fund or Affiliated Fund receives in connection with the right of one or more Regulated Funds or Affiliated Funds to nominate a director or appoint a board observer or otherwise to participate in the governance or management of the portfolio company will be shared proportionately among any participating Affiliated Funds (who may, in turn, share their portion with their affiliated persons) and any participating Regulated Fund(s) in accordance with the amount of each such party's investment; and

(iv) the proposed investment by the Regulated Fund will not involve compensation, remuneration or a direct or indirect 3023 financial benefit to anthe Advisers, any other Regulated Fund, the Affiliated Funds or any affiliated person of any of them (other than the parties to the Co-Investment Transaction), except (A) to the extent permitted by Condition 14, (B) to the extent permitted by Section 17(e) or 57(k), as applicable, (C) indirectly, as a result of an interest in the securities issued by one of the parties to the Co-Investment Transaction, or (D) in the case of fees or other compensation described in Condition 2(c)(iii)(B)(z).

- 3. <u>Right to Decline</u>. Each Regulated Fund has the right to decline to participate in any Potential Co-Investment Transaction or to invest less than the amount proposed.
- 4. <u>General Limitation</u>. Except for Follow-On Investments made in accordance with Conditions 8 and 9 below, ³⁴²⁴ a Regulated Fund will not invest in reliance on the Order in any issuer in which a Related Party has an investment.
- 5. Same Terms and Conditions. A Regulated Fund will not participate in any Potential Co-Investment Transaction unless (i) the terms, conditions, price, class of securities to be purchased, date on which the commitment is entered into and registration rights (if any) will be the same for each participating Regulated Fund and Affiliated Fund and (ii) the earliest settlement date and the latest settlement date of any participating Regulated Fund or Affiliated Fund will occur as close in time as practicable and in no event more than ten business days apart. The grant to one or more Regulated Funds or Affiliated Funds, but not the respective Regulated Fund, of the right to nominate a director for election to a portfolio company's board of directors, the right to have an observer on the board of directors or similar rights to participate in the governance or management of the portfolio company will not be interpreted so as to violate this Condition 5, if Condition 2(c)(iii)(B) is met.
 - 6. Standard Review Dispositions.

³⁰²³ For example, procuring the Regulated Fund's investment in a Potential Co-Investment Transaction to permit an affiliate to complete or obtain better terms in a separate transaction would constitute an indirect financial benefit.

³⁺²⁴ This exception applies only to Follow-On Investments by a Regulated Fund in issuers in which that Regulated Fund already holds investments.

(a) *General*. If any Regulated Fund or Affiliated Fund elects to sell, exchange or otherwise dispose of an interest in a security and one or more Regulated Funds and Affiliated Funds have previously participated in a Co-Investment Transaction with respect to the issuer, then:

(i) the Adviser to such Regulated Fund or Affiliated Fund³² will notify each Regulated Fund that holds an investment in the issuer of the proposed Disposition at the earliest practical time; and

(ii) the Adviser to each Regulated Fund that holds an investment in the issuer will formulate a recommendation as to participation by such Regulated Fund in the Disposition.

(b) Same Terms and Conditions. Each Regulated Fund will have the right to participate in such Disposition on a proportionate basis, at the same price and on the same terms and conditions as those applicable to the Affiliated Funds and any other Regulated Fund.

(c) No Board Approval Required. A Regulated Fund may participate in such a Disposition without obtaining prior approval of the Required Majority if:

(i) (A) the participation of each Regulated Fund and Affiliated Fund in such Disposition is proportionate to its then-current holding of the security (or securities) of the issuer that is (or are) the subject of the Disposition; (B) the Board of the Regulated Fund has approved as being in the best interests of the Regulated Fund the ability to participate in such Dispositions on a pro rata basis (as described in greater detail in the Application); and (C) the Board of the Regulated Fund is provided on a quarterly basis with a list of all Dispositions made in accordance with this Condition; or

(ii) each security is a Tradable Security and (A) the Disposition is not to the issuer or any affiliated person of the issuer; and (B) the security is sold for cash in a transaction in which the only term negotiated by or on behalf of the participating Regulated Funds and Affiliated Funds is price.

(d) Standard Board Approval. In all other cases, the Adviser will provide its written recommendation as to the Regulated Fund's participation to the Eligible Trustees and the Regulated Fund will participate in such Disposition solely to the extent that a Required Majority determines that it is in the Regulated Fund's best interests.

7. Enhanced Review Dispositions.

(a) *General*. If any Regulated Fund or Affiliated Fund elects to sell, exchange or otherwise dispose of a Pre-Boarding Investment in a Potential Co-Investment Transaction and the Regulated Funds and Affiliated Funds have not previously participated in a Co-Investment Transaction with respect to the issuer:

(i) the Adviser to such Regulated Fund or Affiliated Fund will notify each Regulated Fund that holds an investment in the issuer of the proposed Disposition at the earliest practical time;

(ii) the Adviser to each Regulated Fund that holds an investment in the issuer will formulate a recommendation as to participation by such Regulated Fund in the Disposition; and

(iii) the Adviser will provide to the Board of each Regulated Fund that holds an investment in the issuer all information relating to the existing investments in the issuer of the Regulated Funds and Affiliated Fund, including the terms of such investments and how they were made, that is necessary for the Required Majority to make the findings required by this Condition.

(b) Enhanced Board Approval. The Adviser will provide its written recommendation as to the Regulated Fund's participation to the Eligible Trustees, and the Regulated Fund will participate in such Disposition solely to the extent that a Required Majority determines that:

³²²⁵ Any Nomura Partners Proprietary Account that is not advised by an Adviser is itself deemed to be an Adviser for purposes of Conditions 6(a)(i), 7(a)(i), 8(a)(i), and 9(a)(i).

³³²⁶ In the case of any Disposition, proportionality will be measured by each participating Regulated Fund's and Affiliated Fund's outstanding investment in the security in question immediately preceding the Disposition.

- (i) the Disposition complies with Condition 2(c)(i), (ii), (iii)(A), and (iv); and
- (ii) the making and holding of the Pre-Boarding Investments were not prohibited by Section 57 or Rule 17d-1, as applicable, and records the basis for the finding in the Board minutes.
 - (c) Additional Requirements: The Disposition may only be completed in reliance on the Order if:
- (i) Same Terms and Conditions. Each Regulated Fund has the right to participate in such Disposition on a proportionate basis, at the same price and on the same terms and Conditions as those applicable to the Affiliated Funds and any other Regulated Fund;
- (ii) *Original Investments*. All of the Affiliated Funds' and Regulated Funds' investments in the issuer are Pre-Boarding Investments;
- (iii) *Advice of counsel*. Independent counsel to the Board advises that the making and holding of the investments in the Pre-Boarding Investments were not prohibited by Section 57 (as modified by Rule 57b-1) or Rule 17d-1, as applicable;
- (iv) *Multiple Classes of Securities*. All Regulated Funds and Affiliated Funds that hold Pre-Boarding Investments in the issuer immediately before the time of completion of the Co-Investment Transaction hold the same security or securities of the issuer. For the purpose of determining whether the Regulated Funds and Affiliated Funds hold the same security or securities, they may disregard any security held by some but not all of them if, prior to relying on the Order, the Required Majority is presented with all information necessary to make a finding, and finds, that: (x) any Regulated Fund's or Affiliated Fund's holding of a different class of securities (including for this purpose a security with a different maturity date) is immaterial in amount, including immaterial relative to the size of the issuer; and (y) the Board records the basis for any such finding in its minutes. In addition, securities that differ only in respect of issuance date, currency, or denominations may be treated as the same security; and
- (v) *No control*. The Affiliated Funds, the other Regulated Funds and their affiliated persons (within the meaning of Section 2(a)(3)(C) of the Act), individually or in the aggregate, do not control the issuer of the securities (within the meaning of Section 2(a)(9) of the Act).

8. Standard Review Follow-Ons.

- (a) General. If any Regulated Fund or Affiliated Fund desires to make a Follow-On Investment in an issuer and the Regulated Funds and Affiliated Funds holding investments in the issuer previously participated in a Co-Investment Transaction with respect to the issuer:
- (i) the Adviser to each such Regulated Fund or Affiliated Fund will notify each Regulated Fund that holds securities of the portfolio company of the proposed transaction at the earliest practical time; and
- (ii) the Adviser to each Regulated Fund that holds an investment in the issuer will formulate a recommendation as to the proposed participation, including the amount of the proposed investment, by such Regulated Fund.
- (b) *No Board Approval Required*. A Regulated Fund may participate in the Follow-On Investment without obtaining prior approval of the Required Majority if:
- (i) (A) the proposed participation of each Regulated Fund and each Affiliated Fund in such investment is proportionate to its outstanding investments in the issuer or the security at issue, as appropriate,3528 immediately preceding the Follow-On Investment; and (B) the Board of the Regulated Fund has approved as being in the best interests of

³⁴²⁷ In determining whether a holding is "immaterial" for purposes of the Order, the Required Majority will consider whether the nature and extent of the interest in the transaction or arrangement is sufficiently small that a reasonable person would not believe that the interest affected the determination of whether to enter into the transaction or arrangement or the terms of the transaction or arrangement.

³⁵-35²⁸ To the extent that a Follow-On Investment opportunity is in a security or arises in respect of a security held by the participating Regulated Funds and any Affiliated Fund, proportionality will be measured by each participating Regulated Fund's and Affiliated Fund's outstanding investment in the security in question immediately preceding the Follow-On Investment using the most recent available valuation thereof. To the extent that a Follow-On Investment opportunity relates to an opportunity to invest in a security that is not in respect of any security held by any of the participating Regulated Funds or any Affiliated Fund, proportionality will be measured by each participating Regulated Fund's and Affiliated Fund's outstanding investment in the issuer immediately preceding the Follow-On Investment using the most recent available valuation thereof.

the Regulated Fund the ability to participate in Follow-On Investments on a pro rata basis (as described in greater detail in this Application); or

(ii) it is a Non-Negotiated Follow-On Investment.

(c) Standard Board Approval. In all other cases, the Adviser will provide its written recommendation as to the Regulated Fund's participation to the Eligible Trustees and the Regulated Fund will participate in such Follow-On Investment solely to the extent that a Required Majority makes the determinations set forth in Condition 2(c). If the only previous Co-Investment Transaction with respect to the issuer was an Enhanced Review Disposition the Eligible Trustees must complete this review of the proposed Follow-On Investment both on a stand-alone basis and together with the Pre-Boarding Investments in relation to the total economic exposure and other terms of the investment.

(d) Allocation. If, with respect to any such Follow-On Investment:

(i) the amount of the opportunity proposed to be made available to any Regulated Fund is not based on the Regulated Funds' and the Affiliated Funds' outstanding investments in the issuer or the security at issue, as appropriate, immediately preceding the Follow-On Investment; and

(ii) the aggregate amount recommended by an Adviser to be invested in the Follow-On Investment by the participating Regulated Funds and any participating Affiliated Funds, collectively, exceeds the amount of the investment opportunity, then the Follow-On Investment opportunity will be allocated among them pro rata based on the size of the Internal Orders, as described in Section III.A.1.b. above.

(e) Other Conditions. The acquisition of Follow-On Investments as permitted by this Condition will be considered a Co-Investment Transaction for all purposes and subject to the other Conditions set forth in this Aapplication.

9. Enhanced Review Follow-Ons.

(a) *General*. If any Regulated Fund or Affiliated Fund desires to make a Follow-On Investment in an issuer that is a Potential Co-Investment Transaction and the Regulated Funds and any Affiliated Funds holding investments in the issuer have not previously participated in a Co-Investment Transaction with respect to the issuer:

(i) the Adviser to each such Regulated Fund or Affiliated Fund will notify each Regulated Fund that holds securities of the portfolio company of the proposed transaction at the earliest practical time;

(ii) the Adviser to each Regulated Fund that holds an investment in the issuer will formulate a recommendation as to the proposed participation, including the amount of the proposed investment, by such Regulated Fund; and

(iii) the Adviser will provide to the Board of each Regulated Fund that holds an investment in the issuer all information relating to the existing investments in the issuer of the Regulated Funds and Affiliated Funds, including the terms of such investments and how they were made, that is necessary for the Required Majority to make the findings required by this Condition.

(b) Enhanced Board Approval. The Adviser will provide its written recommendation as to the Regulated Fund's participation to the Eligible Trustees, and the Regulated Fund will participate in such Follow-On Investment solely to the extent that a Required Majority reviews the proposed Follow-On Investment both on a stand-alone basis and together with the Pre-Boarding Investments in relation to the total economic exposure and other terms and makes the determinations set forth in Condition 2(c). In addition, the Follow-On Investment may only be completed in reliance on the Order if the Required Majority of each participating Regulated Fund determines that the making and holding of the Pre-Boarding Investments were not prohibited by Section 57 (as modified by Rule 57b-1) or Rule 17d-1, as applicable. The basis for the Board's findings will be recorded in its minutes.

(c) Additional Requirements. The Follow-On Investment may only be completed in reliance on the Order if:

(i) Original Investments. All of the Affiliated Funds' and Regulated Funds' investments in the issuer are Pre-Boarding Investments;

(ii) *Advice of counsel*. Independent counsel to the Board advises that the making and holding of the investments in the Pre-Boarding Investments were not prohibited by Section 57 (as modified by Rule 57b-1) or Rule 17d-1, as applicable;

(iii) Multiple Classes of Securities. All Regulated Funds and Affiliated Funds that hold Pre-Boarding Investments in the issuer immediately before the time of completion of the Co-Investment Transaction hold the same security or securities of the issuer. For the purpose of determining whether the Regulated Funds and Affiliated Funds hold the same security or securities, they may disregard any security held by some but not all of them if, prior to relying on the Order, the Required Majority is presented with all information necessary to make a finding, and finds, that: (x) any Regulated Fund's or Affiliated Fund's holding of a different class of securities (including for this purpose a security with a different maturity date) is immaterial in amount, including immaterial relative to the size of the issuer; and (y) the Board records the basis for any such finding in its minutes. In addition, securities that differ only in respect of issuance date, currency, or denominations may be treated as the same security; and

(iv) *No control*. The Affiliated Funds, the other Regulated Funds and their affiliated persons (within the meaning of Section 2(a)(3)(C) of the Act), individually or in the aggregate, do not control the issuer of the securities (within the meaning of Section 2(a)(9) of the Act).

(d) -Allocation. If, with respect to any such Follow-On Investment:

(i) the amount of the opportunity proposed to be made available to any Regulated Fund is not based on the Regulated Funds' and the Affiliated Funds' outstanding investments in the issuer or the security at issue, as appropriate, immediately preceding the Follow-On Investment; and

(ii) the aggregate amount recommended by an Adviser to be invested in the Follow-On Investment by the participating Regulated Funds and any participating Affiliated Funds, collectively, exceeds the amount of the investment opportunity, then the Follow-On Investment opportunity will be allocated among them pro rata based on the size of the Internal Orders, as described in Section III.A.1.b. above.

(e) Other Conditions. The acquisition of Follow-On Investments as permitted by this Condition will be considered a Co-Investment Transaction for all purposes and subject to the other Conditions set forth in this Aapplication.

10. Board Reporting, Compliance and Annual Re-Approval

(a) Each Adviser to a Regulated Fund will present to the Board of each Regulated Fund, on a quarterly basis, and at such other times as the Board may request, (i) a record of all investments in Potential Co-Investment Transactions made by any of the other Regulated Funds or any Affiliated Funds during the preceding quarter that fell within the Regulated Fund's then-current Objectives and Strategies and Board-Established Criteria that were not made available to the Regulated Fund, and an explanation of why such investment opportunities were not made available to the Regulated Fund; (ii) a record of all Follow-On Investments in and Dispositions of investments in any issuer in which the Regulated Fund holds any investments by any Affiliated Fund or other Regulated Fund during the prior quarter; and (iii) all information concerning Potential Co-Investment Transactions and Co-Investment Transactions, including investments made by other Regulated Funds or any Affiliated Funds that the Regulated Fund considered but declined to participate in, so that the Independent Trustees, may determine whether all Potential Co-Investment Transactions and Co-Investment Transactions during the preceding quarter, including those investments that the Regulated Fund considered but declined to participate in, comply with the Conditions.

(b) All information presented to the Regulated Fund's Board pursuant to this Condition will be kept for the life of the Regulated Fund and at least two years thereafter, and will be subject to examination by the Commission and its staff.

- (c) Each Regulated Fund's chief compliance officer, as defined in rule 38a-1(a)(4), will prepare an annual report for its Board each year that evaluates (and documents the basis of that evaluation) the Regulated Fund's compliance with the terms and Conditions of the Application and the procedures established to achieve such compliance.
- (d) The Independent Trustees will consider at least annually whether continued participation in new and existing Co-Investment Transactions is in the Regulated Fund's best interests.

- 11. <u>Record Keeping</u>. Each Regulated Fund will maintain the records required by Section 57(f)(3) of the Act as if each of the Regulated Funds were a BDC and each of the investments permitted under these Conditions were approved by the Required Majority under Section 57(f).
- 12. <u>Trustee Independence</u>. No Independent Trustee of a Regulated Fund will also be a director, general partner, managing member or principal, or otherwise be an "affiliated person" (as defined in the Act) of any Affiliated Fund.
- 13. Expenses. The expenses, if any, associated with acquiring, holding or disposing of any securities acquired in a Co-Investment Transaction (including, without limitation, the expenses of the distribution of any such securities registered for sale under the Securities Act) will, to the extent not payable by <a href="matched-extent-not-payable-by-anthe-extent-not
- 14. Transaction Fees. Any transaction fee (including break-up, structuring, monitoring or commitment fees but excluding brokerage or underwriting compensation permitted by Section 17(e) or 57(k)) received in connection with any Co-Investment Transaction will be distributed to the participants on a pro rata basis based on the amounts they invested or committed, as the case may be, in such Co-Investment Transaction. If any transaction fee is to be held by an Adviser pending consummation of the transaction, the fee will be deposited into an account maintained by an Adviser at a bank or banks having the qualifications prescribed in Section 26(a)(1), and the account will earn a competitive rate of interest that will also be divided pro rata among the participants. None of the Advisers, the Affiliated Funds, the other Regulated Funds or any affiliated person of the Affiliated Funds or the Regulated Funds will receive any additional compensation or remuneration of any kind as a result of or in connection with a Co-Investment Transaction other than (i) in the case of the Regulated Funds and the Affiliated Funds, the pro rata transaction fees described above and fees or other compensation described in Condition 2(c)(iii)(B)(z), (ii) brokerage or underwriting compensation permitted by Section 17(e) or 57(k) or (iii) in the case of the Adviser, investment advisory compensation paid in accordance with investment advisory agreements between the applicable Regulated Fund(s) or Affiliated Fund(s) and its Adviser.
- 15. <u>Independence</u>. If the Holders own in the aggregate more than 25 percent of the Shares of a Regulated Fund, then the Holders will vote such Shares in the same percentages as the Regulated Fund's other shareholders (not including the Holders) when voting on (1) the election of directors; (2) the removal of one or more directors; or (3) any other matter under either the Act or applicable State law affecting the Board's composition, size or manner of election.

³⁶²⁹ Applicants are not requesting, and the Commission is not providing, any relief for transaction fees received in connection with any Co-Investment Transaction.

V. PROCEDURAL MATTERS

A. Communications

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B. Authorizations

The filing of this Second Amended and Restated Application for the Order sought hereby and the taking of all acts reasonably necessary to obtain the relief requested herein was authorized by the Board of Trusteeseach of the Existing Regulated Funds pursuant to the resolutions attached hereto as Exhibit B. The verifications required by Rule 0-2(d) under the Act are duly adopted by each respective Board (attached hereto as Exhibit A). In accordance with Rule 0-2(c) under the Act, each person executing the Application on behalf of the Applicants being duly sworn deposes and says that he has duly executed the attached Application for and on behalf of the applicable entity listed; that he is authorized to execute the Application pursuant to the terms of an operating agreement, management agreement or otherwise; and that all actions by members, directors or other bodies necessary to authorize each such deponent to execute and file the Application have been taken.

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NOMURA ALTERNATIVE INCOME FUND

By: /s/ Robert Stark
Name: Robert Stark
Title: President and Trustee

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NOMURA PRIVATE CAPITAL LLC

By: /s/ Robert Stark

Name: Robert Stark

Title: Chief Executive Officer

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By: /s/ Joshua B. Deringer

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VERIFICATION

The undersigned states that he or she has duly executed the attached second amended and restated application dated as of September 28, 2023 May 30, 2024 for and on behalf of each entity listed below; that he or she is the authorized person of each such entity; and that all action by officers, directors, and other bodies necessary to authorize the undersigned to execute and file such instrument has been taken. The undersigned further states that he or she is familiar with such instrument, and the contents thereof, and that the facts therein set forth are true to the best of his or her knowledge, information and belief.

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-	Privacore PCAAM Alter	native Income Fund
-	- <u>By:</u>	-
	Name:	David Mehenny
	Title:	Initial Trustee
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-	Partners PCAAM Altern	ative Growth Fund
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-	<u>By:</u>	
-	Name:	David Mehenny
-	<u>Title:</u>	<u>Initial Trustee</u>
-	-	-
-	- Privacore Capital Adviso	- or IIC
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-	- <u>By:</u>	-
-	Name:	David Mehenny
-	Title:	Principal Principal
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	By:	-
	Name:	Sandhya Ganapathy
	Title:	Chief Compliance Officer
-		pital Investment Group, LLP
-	On behalf of itself and as	_
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	Partners Capital Harrier Fu	
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	Partners Capital Falcon Fu	
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	Partners Capital Condor F	und XVI, L.P.
	Partners Capital Kestrel F	und, LP - Series W
	Partners Capital Investment	nt Group, LLP
	Partners Capital Condor F	und XVII (Cayman), L.P.
	Partners Capital Condor F	und XVII, L.P.
	Partners Capital Merlin Co	o-Investment Fund IV (Cayman), L.P.
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	Partners Capital Phoenix I	
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-	<u>By:</u>	
	Name:	Olivier Piccoli
	Title:	General Counsel _
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		apital Investment Group, LLP
	On behalf of itself and as	s portiono manager or

Partners Capital Asia Endowment Portfolio SCA, SICAV-RAIF Partners Capital Alternative Asset Management Fund SICAV

By:

Name: Olivier Piccoli
Title: General Counsel

By: /s/ Robert Stark

Name: Robert Stark

Title: President and Trustee

NOMURA PRIVATE CAPITAL LLC

By: /s/ Robert Stark

Name: Robert Stark

Title: Chief Executive Officer

NCOF, LLC

By: /s/ Joshua B. Deringer

Name: Joshua B. Deringer Title: Managing Member

EXHIBIT BA

<u>Resolutions of the Initial Trustee of</u> <u>Privacore PCAAM Alternative Growth Fund</u> Privacore PCAAM Alternative Growth Fund

Privacore PCAAM Alternative Growth Fund

RESOLVED, that the filing of the Privacore PCAAM Alternative Growth Fund's application for an order from the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Sections 17(d) and 57(i) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), and Rule 17d-1 promulgated under the 1940 Act ("Rule 17d-1"), authorizing certain joint transactions that otherwise may be prohibited by either or both of Sections 17(d) and 57(a)(4) of the 1940 Act and Rule 17d-1 be, and it hereby is, approved; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any officer be, and each of them hereby is, authorized to make such amendments to such application as the officers of Privacore PCAAM Alternative Growth Fund, upon advice of counsel, deem necessary and appropriate, and to execute and cause to be filed any and all amendments to the application hereinabove authorized in such form as the officer executing the same approve, such execution thereof to be conclusive evidence of such approval.

Privacore PCAAM Alternative Income Fund

RESOLVED, that the officers of Nomura filing of the Privacore PCAAM Alternative Income Fund's (the "Fund") be, and each of them hereby is, authorized and directed on behalf of the Fund and in its name, to prepare, execute, and cause to be filed with application for an order from the Securities and Exchange Commission an Application for an Order of Exemption, and any amendments thereto, pursuant to Sections 17(d) and 57(i) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), and Rule 17d-1 promulgated under the 1940 Act ("Rule 17d-1"), authorizing certain joint transactions that otherwise may be prohibited by either or both of Sections 17(d) and 57(a)(4) of the 1940 Act and Rule 17d-1 be, and it hereby is, approved; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the any officers of the Fund be, and each of them hereby is, authorized and directed to tmake such further action and execute such other documents as such officer or officers shall deem necessary or advisable in order to effectuate the intent of the foregoing resolution; and amendments to such application as the officers of Privacore PCAAM Alternative Income Fund, upon advice of counsel, deem necessary and appropriate, and to execute and cause to be filed any and all amendments to the application hereinabove authorized in such form as the officer executing the same approve, such execution thereof to be conclusive evidence of such approval.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that all acts previously done by any officer of the Fund, on or prior to the date hereof, in the name and on behalf of the Fund in connection with the foregoing resolutions are in all respects authorized, ratified, approved, confirmed and adopted as the acts and deeds by and on behalf of the Fund.

Schedule A

<u>Investment Adviser/Portfolio Manager:</u> Partners Capital Investment Group, LLP:

Existing Affiliated Fund
Partners Capital Greyhawk Fund, L.P.
The Master Portfolio (A), L.P.
Partners Capital Harrier Fund (A) L.P.
Partners Capital Harrier Fund (C) Ltd
Partners Capital Falcon Fund (A), L.P.
Partners Capital Falcon Fund (C), Ltd.
The Master Portfolio (C) S.A., SICAV-RAIF
Partners Capital Kestrel Fund, LP - Series B
Partners Capital Greyhawk Cayman Feeder Fund, Ltd.
Partners Capital Kestrel Fund, LP - Series D
Partners Capital Phoenix Fund II Ltd - Diversified Income Fund
Partners Capital Condor Fund VIII (Cayman), L.P.
Partners Capital Condor Fund VIII, L.P.
Partners Capital Kestrel Fund, LP - Series E
Partners Capital Kestrel Fund, LP - Series C
Partners Capital Kestrel Fund, LP - Series A
Partners Capital Condor Fund IX (Cayman), L.P.
Partners Capital Condor Fund IX, L.P.
Partners Capital Kestrel Fund, LP - Series J
Partners Capital Condor Fund X, L.P.
Partners Capital Condor Fund X (Cayman), L.P.
Partners Capital Phoenix Fund III, LP
Partners Capital Kestrel Fund, LP - Series S
Partners Capital Condor Fund XI (Cayman), L.P.
Partners Capital Condor Fund XI, L.P.
Partners Capital Merlin Co-Investment Fund I, L.P.
Partners Capital Merlin Co-Investment Fund I (Cayman), L.P.
Partners Capital Kestrel Fund, LP - Series H
Partners Capital Kestrel Fund, LP - Series N
Partners Capital Condor Fund XII (Cayman), L.P.
Partners Capital Condor Fund XII, L.P.
Partners Capital Condor Fund XIII (Cayman), L.P.
Partners Capital Condor Fund XIII, L.P.
Partners Capital Kestrel Fund, LP - Series X
Partners Capital Kestrel Fund, LP - Series Y
Partners Capital Secondaries SMA 2020, L.P.

Partners Capital Secondaries SMA 2020 (Cayman), L.P.
Partners Capital Kestrel Fund, LP - Series G
Partners Capital Merlin Co-Investment Fund II, L.P.
Partners Capital Merlin Co-Investment Fund II (Cayman), L.P.
Partners Capital Condor Fund XIV, L.P.
Partners Capital Condor Fund XIV (Cayman), L.P.
US Venture Capital Aggregator Fund A, L.P.
US Venture Capital Aggregator Fund A (Cayman), L.P.
Partners Capital Condor Fund XV (Cayman), L.P.
Partners Capital Condor Fund XV, L.P.
Partners Capital Secondaries SMA 2022 (Cayman), L.P.
Partners Capital Secondaries SMA 2022, L.P.
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Partners Capital Red Kite Fund, L.P.
Partners Capital Red Kite Fund (Cayman), L.P.
Partners Capital Merlin Co-Investment Fund III, L.P.
Partners Capital Merlin Co-Investment Fund III (Cayman), L.P.
Partners Capital Condor Fund XVI (Cayman), L.P.
Partners Capital Red Kite Fund II, L.P.
Partners Capital Red Kite Fund II (Cayman), L.P.
Partners Capital Condor Fund XVI, L.P.
Partners Capital Kestrel Fund, LP - Series W
Partners Capital Condor Fund XVII (Cayman), L.P.
Partners Capital Condor Fund XVII, L.P.
Partners Capital Merlin Co-Investment Fund IV (Cayman), L.P.
Partners Capital Merlin Co-Investment Fund IV, L.P.
Partners Capital Red Kite Fund III (Cayman), L.P.
Partners Capital Red Kite Fund III, L.P.
Partners Capital Secondaries SMA 2024 (Cayman), L.P.
Partners Capital Secondaries SMA 2024, L.P.

Partners Capital Asia Endowment Portfolio SCA, SICAV-RAIF ³⁰
Partners Capital Alternative Asset Management Fund SICAV ^a
Partners Capital Phoenix Fund II SPV, Ltd
Partners Capital Cayman XIII SPV, Ltd
The Master Portfolio (B) Ltd

Investment Adviser: Privacore Capital Advisors, LLC:

Privacore PCAAM Alternative Growth Fund
Privacore PCAAM Alternative Income Fund

³⁰ The alternative investment fund manager of the Existing Affiliated Fund is not affiliated with Partners Capital Investment Group, LLP, and the portfolio manager is Partners Capital Investment Group, LLP.