# INVESTMENT ADVISERS PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY COVERAGE PART

THIS IS A CLAIMS MADE COVERAGE PART WITH DEFENSE EXPENSES INCLUDED IN THE LIMIT OF LIABILITY. PLEASE READ AND REVIEW THE POLICY CAREFULLY.

In consideration of the payment of the premium, and in reliance on all statements made and information furnished to the Company identified in the Declarations (hereinafter the Insurer), including the Application, and subject to all of the terms, conditions and limitations of all of the provisions of this Policy, the Insurer and the Insureds agree as follows:

#### I. INSURING AGREEMENT

The Insurer shall pay on behalf of the **Insureds Loss** resulting from **Claims** first made against the **Insureds** during the **Policy Period** or, if applicable, the Optional Extension Period, for **Wrongful Acts**.

#### II. DEFINITIONS:

- (A) "Adviser" means the Named Insured and any Subsidiary created or acquired on or before the Inception Date set forth in ITEM 2 of the Declarations or, subject to CONDITION (A) of this Coverage Part, during the Policy Period.
- (B) "Insured" means the Insured Persons and the Adviser.
- (C) "Insured Person" means any past, present or future director, officer, partner, principal, member, trustee or employee of the Adviser.
- (D) "Professional Services" means:
  - (1) financial, economic or investment advice given or investment management services performed for others for a fee or commission by the **Adviser** or on behalf of the **Adviser** by any person or entity;
  - (2) the provision of computer and Internet services, administrative services, and publications prepared or written by any **Insured**, provided such services are performed in connection with the **Adviser's** financial or investment operations; or
  - (3) the selection, oversight and direction by any **Insured** of any person or entity performing **Professional Services** on behalf of the **Adviser**.
- (E) **"Wrongful Act**" means:
  - (1) any actual or alleged act, error, omission, misstatement, misleading statement or breach of fiduciary duty or other duty committed by any **Insured** in the performance of, or failure to perform, **Professional Services**; and
  - (2) any actual or alleged libel, slander, or oral or written publication of defamatory or disparaging material committed by any **Insured** in the performance of **Professional Services**.

### III. EXCLUSIONS

The Insurer shall not be liable to make any payment for Loss in connection with any Claim made against an Insured:

- (A) brought about or contributed to in fact by any:
  - (1) intentionally dishonest, fraudulent or criminal act or omission or any willful violation of any statute, rule or law; or
  - (2) profit or remuneration gained by any **Insured** to which such **Insured** is not legally entitled;

as determined by a final adjudication in the underlying action or in a separate action or proceeding. Each **Insured** agrees that, if the Insurer has no liability to an **Insured** for **Loss** as a result of a **Claim** by reason of this EXCLUSION (A), such **Insured** will repay the Insurer upon demand all **Loss** paid on behalf of such **Insured** in connection with such **Claim**;

- (B) based upon, arising out of, directly or indirectly resulting from, in consequence of, or in any way involving any fact, circumstance, situation, transaction, event or Wrongful Act which, before the Inception Date of this Policy, was the subject of any notice given under any other policy of insurance;
- (C) for any actual or alleged bodily injury, sickness, mental anguish, emotional distress, libel, slander, invasion of privacy, malicious use or abuse of process, malicious prosecution, wrongful entry or eviction, false arrest, false imprisonment, assault, battery, oral or written publication of defamatory or disparaging material, disease or death of any person, or damage or destruction of any tangible property including loss of use thereof; however, this EXCLUSION (C) will not apply to any:
  - (1) alleged mental anguish or emotional distress to the extent that they arise from an **Insured's** performance of **Professional Services**;
  - (2) actual or alleged libel, slander, oral or written publication of defamatory or disparaging material committed by an **Insured** in the performance of **Professional Services**; or
  - (3) **Claim** arising from damage to, destruction of, or loss of use of, client records in an **Insured's** possession.
- (D) based upon, arising out of, directly or indirectly resulting from, in consequence of, or in any way involving any actual, alleged or threatened discharge, dispersal, release, escape, seepage, transportation, emission, treatment, removal or disposal of pollutants, contaminants, or waste of any kind including but not limited to nuclear material or nuclear waste or any actual or alleged direction, request or voluntary decision to test for, abate, monitor, clean up, recycle, remove, recondition, reclaim, contain, treat, detoxify or neutralize pollutants, contaminants or waste of any kind including but not limited to nuclear material or nuclear waste;
- (E) based upon, arising out of, directly or indirectly resulting from, in consequence of, or in any way involving any fact, circumstance, situation, transaction, event or Wrongful Act underlying or alleged in any prior and/or pending litigation or administrative or regulatory proceeding which incepted prior to the Pending And Prior Proceeding Date set forth in ITEM 6(b) of the Declarations;
- (F) brought by, or on behalf of, or at the direction of any **Insured**, except and to the extent such **Claim** is brought:
  - in the form of a crossclaim, third party claim or other claim for contribution or indemnity by an **Insured Person** which is part of or results directly from a **Claim** which is not otherwise excluded by the terms of this Policy;
  - (2) by an **Insured Person**, solely in his or her capacity as a client or customer of the **Adviser**; or
  - (3) by an **Insured** with respect to which failure to make such **Claim** would result in liability to the **Insured** for failure to do so;

- (G) for any actual or alleged liability of the **Adviser** under any express contract or agreement; however, this EXCLUSION (G) will not apply to:
  - (1) any Claim against an Insured by a client or customer of the Adviser, if and to the extent that the Claim alleges a breach of contractual obligations in the rendering of or failure to render Professional Services; or
  - (2) liability which would attach to an **Insured** even in the absence of a contract or agreement.

With respect to this EXCLUSION (G), an "express contract or agreement" is defined as an actual agreement of the parties, the terms of which are openly set forth or declared at the time of making in clear or distinct language;

- (H) based upon, arising out of, directly or indirectly resulting from, in consequence of, or in any way involving an Insured Person acting in his or her capacity as a director, officer, partner, principal, member, trustee or employee of any entity other than the Adviser;
- (I) based upon, arising out of, directly or indirectly resulting from, in consequence of, or in any way involving any actual or alleged violation of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as amended, or any regulation promulgated thereunder or any similar, federal, state or local law or regulation; however, this EXCLUSION (I) will only apply to any **Insured's** pension, employee benefit or welfare plan;
- (J) based upon, arising out of, directly or indirectly resulting from, in consequence of, or in any way involving the **Insured's** rendering of investment banking services, including:
  - (1) the underwriting, syndicating or promoting of any debt or equity securities; or
  - (2) service as a consultant, adviser or specialist relating to or in connection with any actual, attempted or threatened merger, acquisition, securities offering, restructuring, divestiture or other investment banking activity;
- (K) based upon, arising out of, directly or indirectly resulting from, in consequence of, or in any way involving the insolvency of any bank, banking firm, broker or dealer in securities, or any other person or entity, or the inability of any such entity or person to make any payment or settle or effect any transaction of any kind; however, this EXCLUSION (K) will not apply to any Claim arising from the performance of, or failure to perform, Professional Services.
- (L) based upon, arising out of, directly or indirectly resulting from, in consequence of, or in any way involving any **Insured's** activity as a "broker" or "dealer" in securities, as those terms are defined in Section 3(a)(4), 3(a)(5) and 3(a)(6) of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; however, this EXCLUSION (L) will not apply to any **Claim** based on an **Insured's** distribution, underwriting or resale of securities purchased by an **Insured** directly from a mutual fund affiliated with the **Insured** solely for resale to shareholders of that fund.

No conduct of any **Insured Person** will be imputed to any other **Insured Person** to determine the application of any of the above EXCLUSIONS.

## IV. CONDITIONS

(A) MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS (CHANGES IN EXPOSURE OR CONTROL):

- (1) If, during the **Policy Period**, the **Adviser** acquires any assets, acquires a **Subsidiary**, or acquires any entity by merger (each an "Acquired Entity") such that the **Adviser** is the surviving entity (a "Transaction"):
  - (a) there will be coverage available under this Coverage Part for any Claim made against the Acquired Entity and its directors, officers, partners, principals, members, trustees or employees for any Wrongful Act committed or allegedly committed after the effective date of the Transaction for a period of ninety (90) days after the effective date of the Transaction (not to exceed the Policy Expiration Date);
  - (b) there will be no coverage available under this Coverage Part for any Claim made against the Acquired Entity or any of its directors, officers, partners, principals, members, trustees or employees for any Wrongful Act committed or allegedly committed after the effective date of the Transaction beyond the ninety (90) day period, unless:
    - any of the gross annual fees, assets under management or assets of the Acquired Entity are less than thirty-five percent (35%) of the gross annual fees, assets under management or assets, respectively, of the **Adviser** at the time immediately preceding the Transaction; and
    - (ii) the **Named Insured** gives the Insurer written notice, with full details, of the Transaction within the ninety (90) day period;
  - (c) there will be no coverage available under this Coverage Part for any **Claim** made against the Acquired Entity or any of its directors, officers, partners, principals, members, trustees or employees for any **Wrongful Acts** committed or allegedly committed before the effective date of the Transaction.
- (2) If, during the Policy Period, any of the following events occurs:
  - (a) the merger or acquisition of the **Adviser**, or of all or substantially all of its assets by another entity such that the **Adviser** is not the surviving entity;
  - (b) the acquisition by any person, entity or affiliated group of persons or entities of the right to vote for, select or appoint more than fifty percent (50%) of the directors, trustees, or members of the Board of Managers of the **Adviser**; or
  - (c) the appointment of a Receiver, Conservator, Liquidator, Trustee, Rehabilitator, or any comparable authority, with respect to the **Adviser**;

coverage under this Coverage Part will continue in full force and effect with respect to **Claims** for **Wrongful Acts** committed before such event, but coverage will cease with respect to any **Claims** for **Wrongful Acts** committed after such event. Immediately upon the consummation of any such event the entire premium for this Coverage Part will be deemed fully earned.

(3) If, during the **Policy Period**, any entity ceases to be a **Subsidiary**, the coverage provided under this Coverage Part shall continue to apply to the **Insureds** that were covered under this Coverage Part but only with respect to a **Claim** for a **Wrongful Act** that occurred or allegedly occurred prior to the time such **Subsidiary** ceased to be a **Subsidiary** of the **Named Insured**.