

# FORM ADV Uniform Application for Investment Adviser Registration

## Part 2A: Investment Adviser Brochure

### Item 1: Cover Page



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Seelaus Asset Management, LLC (“SAM” or “the Firm”) is a SEC registered investment adviser (“RIA”) that specializes in fixed-income and equity portfolio management and designing customized investment strategies. SAM works with private clients, foundations, pension plans and other institutional investors. Registration with the SEC does not imply any certain level of skill or training.

**This brochure provides information about the qualifications and business practices of SAM. If you have any questions about the contents of this brochure, please contact Investor Relations at [ir@seelausam.com](mailto:ir@seelausam.com) or (855) 212-0955. The information in this brochure has not been approved or verified by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) or by any state securities authority.**

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

## **Item 2 Material Changes**

Summary of material changes since last annual update dated March 2024:

- The Seelaus Housing Equality Fund LP was launched in June 2024.
- The inflow/outflow billing procedure on accounts has been updated to include all flows.
- Andrew Khatri joined the firm as CIO in July 2024.
- The Red Bank, NJ office has changed locations as of August 1, 2024.

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## **Item 4 Investment Advisory Business**

Seelaus Asset Management, LLC is a SEC registered investment adviser (RIA) firm that specializes in both fixed income and equity portfolio management and designing customized investment strategies for high net worth individuals, foundations, pension plans, and other institutional investors. SAM is a subsidiary of R. Seelaus & Co., Inc., a holding company that was originally founded in 1984 as a broker-dealer in Summit, NJ. Seelaus first ventured into the RIA space in 2006, when R. Seelaus & Co., Inc. became dually registered as a broker-dealer and as a NJ-registered RIA. In 2013, Seelaus purchased Granite Springs Asset Management, LLC to formalize its RIA business and become SEC-registered. The asset manager has grown in part through the acquisitions of Sunnymeth Asset Management, Inc. (2017) and Sterling Wealth Advisors (2019), and changed its name to Seelaus Asset Management, LLC in November 2018.

SAM provides asset management and financial planning services. Neither the Firm nor its investment adviser representatives (IARs) provide legal or tax advice of any kind. SAM is a RIA that develops investment strategies and then executes investment decisions, on behalf of its clients, on both a discretionary and a non-discretionary basis.

SAM's investment philosophy is based on two principal beliefs: (1) risk management leads to superior risk-adjusted returns over time; and (2) asset allocation is the most important investment decision.

SAM has expertise managing taxable and tax-exempt municipal bond portfolios, mortgage-backed securities (MBS) portfolios and developing a variety of strategies across equity and fixed income markets. SAM offers a disciplined value-oriented style of investment management, which spans multiple investment objectives and strategies. The Firm uses a "top-down" – "bottom-up" investment approach that seeks to identify market sectors expected to have the best return potential (top-down) and then to identify the individual securities within those sectors that have the potential to generate superior returns (bottom-up).

SAM provides personal financial planning to individuals, families and their related entities, trusts, estates and family businesses. SAM works with clients to define financial objectives and to develop strategies to reach those objectives, some of which may include: identification of financial problems, cash flow and budget management, tax planning, risk exposure review, investment management, education funding, retirement planning, estate planning, charitable goals, special needs planning, family business succession issues, fringe benefits, and/or other issues specific to the client. SAM or an affiliate serves as adviser and/or general partner to several private funds: Edgewood Partners, LP; Navesink River Partners, LP; Seelaus Housing Equality Fund, LP; and Seelaus Credit Opportunities Fund LP (collectively "SAM Private Funds").

SAM customizes investment portfolios to meet the needs of its clients. Portfolio investment objectives are defined at the outset of a client's relationship with the Firm. Then, appropriate investment strategies are developed for clients in separately managed accounts based on the knowledge of each client's income needs, time horizon and risk tolerance. Clients in separately managed accounts may impose restrictions on investing in certain securities or types of securities. SAM communicates with clients on a regular basis to review investment objectives, and changes are made to their respective investment plans as necessary. The private funds, not the investors thereunder, are deemed to be SAM's clients and investors in the private funds may not impose investment guidelines and/or restrictions on the private funds.

SAM offers an automated advisory program called Granite Automated Investment SERVICE ("GAISER"). This is a passive investment program which invests in primarily ETF based portfolios. The minimum account size for this program is \$10,000.

As of December 31, 2023, SAM managed approximately \$1,414,986,385 in discretionary client accounts, and approximately \$19,896,898 in non-discretionary client accounts.

## **Item 5 Fees and Compensation**

The specific manner in which fees are charged by SAM is memorialized in a retail client's written Investment Advisory Contract ("IAC"). The basic advisory fee for retail accounts can range up to 1.5% of assets under management, which is typically paid quarterly in advance and is based on a client's assets under management on the close of business on the last day of the prior quarter. Investment advisory fees are negotiable. If a retail client closes an account before the end of the quarter, the unearned fee is prorated and refunded; if a client opens an account a pro-rated fee is assessed.

The specific manner in which fees are charged by SAM is memorialized in an institutional client's written Investment Management Agreement ("IMA"). The basic advisory fee for institutional accounts can range up to 1.0% of assets under management, which is paid quarterly in arrears and is based on a client's assets under management. The specific methodology is detailed in the IMA. Investment advisory fees are negotiable. If a client opens or closes an account intraperiod, a pro-rated fee is assessed.

Management fees are either deducted from the account or billed separately, on a quarterly basis. Management fees shall be prorated for each capital contribution and withdrawal made during the applicable calendar quarter. Accounts initiated during a calendar quarter will be charged a prorated fee. SAM is deemed to have custody in accounts where advisory fees are directly deducted from clients' accounts

Separately managed account clients may terminate their contracts with prior written notice. Refunds will be given on a prorated basis, based on the number of days remaining in a quarter at the point of termination. Clients may terminate their contracts without penalty, for full refund, within five (5) business days of signing the advisory contract.

Separately managed account clients may pay other fees in connection with our advisory services, such as custodian fees, mutual fund expenses, wire transfer and electronic fund fees, transfer taxes, and state and/or federal fees and taxes on partnership interest. Clients will also incur brokerage and other transaction costs. These costs are separate from any fees paid to SAM.

SAM reserves the right to waive all or any portion of its management or incentive fees with respect to any of its clients, whether separately managed or members of a limited partnership managed by the Firm. Any such waiver is made on a facts and circumstances basis at any time and may be on a one-time or on a permanent basis.

Each limited partnership entity managed by SAM has a fee structure detailed in its respective private placement memorandum or offering memorandum (collectively "Offering Documents") and ranges from 0.19% to 0.50% of net asset value on a quarterly basis (0.75% to 2% annually). Regarding the Seelaus Credit Opportunities Fund, an incentive performance fee (10% annually) based on performance may be charged. Management fees are charged quarterly in advance and any applicable performance fee is calculated and charged annually. The performance fee is the applicable allocable net annual gain in the capital accounts, and in some cases reviewed against an agreed upon benchmark, exclusive of withdrawals and contributions times the incentive rate at the end of the fiscal year or portion thereof.

Investors in SAM Private Funds may redeem their investments in accordance with the terms in each respective fund private placement memorandum, partnership agreement or offering memorandum, as applicable.

In general, in addition to relevant management and incentive fees, each investor in the SAM Private Funds will bear its proportionate share of the SAM Private Funds on a pro rata basis with respect to the size of its Capital Account(s).

Each of the SAM Private Funds Offering Documents specifically describe related expenses investors will bear, but in general, the SAM Private Funds operating expenses include but are not limited to the following types of expenditures without limitation:

- (a) organizational and offering expenses;
- (b) expenses associated with all investments and transactions considered, evaluated and/or consummated by the SAM Private Funds, including, without limitation, expenses associated with sourcing, negotiating, investigating, researching, financing and structuring of investments and potential investments, whether or not consummated, including third-party research, data, analytics, modeling, structuring, pricing, execution and other third-party information systems, software and service fees (including data feeds, subscriptions and reports);
- (c) expenses associated with holding, financing, monitoring, hedging, maintaining and disposing all investments of the Partnership and all transaction and other costs associated therewith;
- (d) travel and related expenses associated with investments and potential investments;
- (e) professional fees associated with investments and potential investments, including, without limitation, consulting, due diligence, investment banking, accounting, valuation, financial, legal, and other advisory fees and expenses;
- (f) transaction fees, brokerage commissions, custodial fees, clearing and settlement charges, and similar fees and expenses associated with the acquisition, disposition and settling of investments and potential investments;
- (g) expenses associated with legal and regulatory filings of the SAM Private Funds (including, without limitation, pursuant to Sections 13 and 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), including Form 13F and Form 13H);
- (h) administrative, custodial, appraisal, valuation, legal, regulatory, compliance, consulting, advisory and similar fees and expenses associated with the Fund’s operations, investments and transactions, including fees and expenses of the Administrator (defined below);
- (i) broken-deal, failed transaction, break-up and similar fees, costs and expenses;
- (j) costs and expenses of leverage or any other borrowings of the SAM Private Funds, including interest charges and fees;
- (k) expenses incurred in the collection of monies owed to the SAM Private Funds, as applicable;
- (l) auditing and accounting expenses of the SAM Private Funds, including expenses associated with the preparation of financial statements, tax returns and Schedules K-1 and the fees and expenses of the auditor;
- (m) any entity level taxes, fees, or other governmental charges on the SAM Private Funds, including any withholding taxes not due to the status or noncompliance of a particular investor;
- (n) costs and expenses associated with investor communications and reports and the delivery thereof to investors;
- (o) the costs of service providers or software to measure or monitor risk metrics, to aggregate positions and/or to provide reporting with respect to risk metrics and/or positions;
- (p) costs and expenses associated with any investor meetings; (q) insurance expenses, including, without limitation, directors’ and officers’ liability insurance, general partner liability insurance, errors and omissions insurance and other policies, if any;
- (r) costs and expenses (including entity-level taxes, fees or other governmental charges) associated with the formation,

organization and operation of any subsidiary, special purpose vehicle, alternative investment vehicle, holding company, or similar entity formed with respect to investments, credit facilities or other transactions entered into for the benefit of the SAM Private Funds;

(s) wind-up, liquidation, termination and dissolution expenses;

(t) costs, fees and expenses related to registration, qualification and/or exemption under any applicable U.S. federal, state, local, or non-U.S. laws, rules or regulations, including blue sky fees, Form D, Form 8.3, CFTC filings and notices and other securities and/or investment-related filing expenses;

(u) costs related to any transfers of Interests, unless otherwise charged to or borne by the applicable transferor and/or transferee;

(v) expenses incurred in connection with the preparation of any amendment to the Offering Documents and related legal documents;

(w) any extraordinary expenses (including all litigation-related and indemnification and contribution expenses, including the amount of any judgment or settlement paid in connection therewith);

(x) the Management Fee; and

(y) all other fees, costs, charges and expenses associated with the business, affairs and/or operations of the SAM Private Funds.

In connection with a financial planning engagement, the service is billed at an hourly rate of \$300 per hour, or at a fixed rate ranging from \$5,000-\$7,000 depending on the complexity of the consultation.

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

SAM charges performance fees (incentive fees) with the Seelaus Credit Opportunities Fund. SAM will structure any performance or incentive fee arrangement subject to Section 205(a)(1) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (“The Advisers Act”) and will rely on available exemptions thereunder, including the exemption set forth in Rule 205-3. In measuring clients’ assets for the calculation of performance-based fees, SAM includes realized and unrealized capital gains and losses and, in some cases, a review against an agreed upon benchmark. Performance-based fee arrangements create an incentive for SAM to purchase, sell, or short investments which may be riskier or more speculative than those which would be recommended under a different fee arrangement. Such fee arrangements also create incentives to favor higher fee-paying accounts over other accounts in the allocation of investment opportunities. SAM has implemented procedures designed to ensure that all clients are treated fairly and equally to the extent possible and practical, and to prevent this conflict from influencing the allocation of investment opportunities among clients. SAM provides asset management services on both asset fee-based and performance fee-based compensation structures. All firms providing asset management services for multiple accounts have the inherent conflict of interest that results from not being able to execute buy and sell orders simultaneously at the same price. We utilize block or bunch trade orders to minimize dispersion and the inherent conflict when trading for multiple accounts.

The conflict between having accounts with performance-based compensation fees structures and flat asset-based fees is also minimized by bunching trades amongst accounts with similar objectives and liquidity. SAM also tracks performance dispersion on a regular basis between accounts to ensure all accounts are being treated fairly and equitably to the extent possible and practical.

## **Item 7 Types of Clients**

SAM clientele consists of high-net-worth individuals, trusts, private investment partnerships for individuals and institutions, foundations, endowments, pension plans and other institutional investors, including other investment advisers. The Firm provides separate account management for individuals and institutions.

## **Item 8 Methods of Analysis, Investment Strategies & Risk of Loss**

SAM develops a base policy mix for each client portfolio at inception. This proportional combination of assets, when combined with an appropriate portfolio structure, reflects the unique investment needs of each client. SAM then uses tactical asset allocation (the act of making calculated changes to the base policy mix) to take advantage of relative value investment opportunities as they arise.

SAM is an active investment manager that seeks to outperform its benchmarks on a risk adjusted basis, by relying on the analytical skills, experience, and prudent judgment of its senior professionals. This contrasts with a passive manager that seeks only to match the performance of a benchmark index. Active management at SAM does not involve excessive trading.

SAM invests in publicly traded stocks, options, bonds, ETFs, mutual funds, preferred stocks, high yield corporate bonds and other securities. Clients should keep in mind that investing in securities involves the risk of loss and clients should be prepared to bear losses. Clients can lose money even when invested in conservative strategies. Clients should also keep in mind that past performance is not indicative of future results.

### **Private Funds**

SAM advises the Seelaus Asset Management Private Funds. While the methods of fundamental analysis are the same across the private funds (bottom up investment analysis), the investment strategies differ.

#### **Seelaus Credit Opportunities Fund LP**

The Seelaus Credit Opportunities Fund LP is a long-short investment grade credit hedge fund. The investment team utilizes active hedging of interest rate risk and long/short credit exposure which results in a low correlation to traditional long-only fixed income products and provides diversification for investors.

#### **Navesink River Partners, LP**

Navesink River Partners, LP pursues a growth strategy by seeking opportunities in holdings of common stocks, convertible issues and preferred stocks.

#### **Edgewood Partners, LP**

Edgewood Partners, LP is a balanced fund pursuing a growth and income strategy. The fund seeks opportunities for growth and income through its holdings of common stocks, convertible and preferred issues and corporate bonds (short-term and high yield).

#### **Seelaus Housing Equality Fund, LP**

Seelaus Housing Equality Fund, LP (the "Fund") an extension of our Impact Agency MBS strategy - is a short duration, high quality bond strategy specifically designed to positively support underserved communities and increase access to home ownership. The Fund portfolio is constructed out of Agency MBS Pools and CMOs created by GSEs and targets a 1-5yr duration.



## **SAM Strategies and Products**

### **Intermediate Municipal Bond Strategy**

SAM advises an Intermediate Municipal Bond Strategy, an investment grade (BBB- rated or higher, average rating is A) strategy focused on the intermediate part of the curve, with final maturities no longer than 15 years. Portfolio duration is 3.25 to 5.75 years and issue concentrations are limited to 3%-6%. The strategy is diversified through sectors, issuers, regions and bond types with out of state bonds considered on an after-tax basis.

### **Equity Portfolio Management**

Within our Equity Portfolio Management division, SAM's equity offering uses a bottom-up investment analysis method for securities in the client accounts it manages. Generally, we start out with Russell 3000 companies and look for companies with below market price-earnings ratio, price-to-cash flow ration and higher Return on Equity and Return On Invested Capital. The manager then utilizes fundamental research to assess Debt to Free Cash Flow ratio generation and compares the companies versus their peers. Subsequently, additional due diligence is performed on company management, research reports, 10Qs and 10Ks, company presentations are reviewed. If the Firm believes there is an investment catalyst present, we will determine the risk/reward potential. Ultimately, a price target is set at which point the manager will buy an initial position of 1-3% within an asset class. SAM owns over 65 companies in long-term accounts for which employees are actively monitoring those current holdings for purchase and has an informal watch list of 100+ additional companies.

### **Gender Equality Matters (GEM) Strategy**

SAM advises a GEM Strategy, an equity strategy focused on investing in companies that are leaders in promoting gender diversity within their board of directors and management teams.

### **Support Housing Equality (SHE) MBS Strategy**

SAM advises an Impact MBS Strategy that seeks to make a positive social impact by investing a portfolio of securities which provide mortgage finance to low-income communities, rural areas, US veterans and activity military families. Our team of experts builds a bespoke portfolio of Agency MBS bonds guaranteed by US Government and Quasi Government entities that offers investors a safe, liquid and customizable high-quality investment alternative. In addition to capitalizing on a sound investment opportunity, this strategy provides a significant societal impact by choosing securities backed by specific lending programs designed to provide affordable housing financing for families considered low-income, rural and/or veterans/active military, as well as homeowners who have struggled to stay current on their mortgage and had their mortgage modified in an effort to keep them in their homes.

### **Short Duration Impact Portfolios**

The Short Duration Fixed Income SMAs managed are customized for each investor according to their investment policy statements. This is an impact investment in that a portion of the management fees from these accounts funds an analyst program for young women from underrepresented demographics into the asset management industry. The Short Duration Fixed Income portfolios are focused on names, issues, and maturities we believe represent strong relative value. Portfolios are constructed according to individual investor needs including customizing: duration, sector, rating and issuer constraints. Can also include US Treasuries, Municipals, ABS, and Agency MBS. Actively managed portfolio by team with over 30+ years industry experience. Fees vary based on portfolio specifics.

### **GAISER (Granite Automated Investment SERvice)**

GAISER is an automated advisory program with a \$10,000 minimum account size. It is a passive investment program which invests in primarily ETF based portfolios. Clients can answer a 16 question survey to gauge risk and time horizon guidelines and then are mapped to one of five ETF strategies based on their risk tolerance from Conservative to High Growth. There is a flat annual fee based on assets under management, and the portfolios are automatically rebalanced at

least every six months.

## **Risks**

Investing in securities involves the possibility of a risk of loss. Although SAM maintains a disciplined financial strategy designed to limit investment losses, it cannot eliminate the risk of loss in its entirety. Clients can lose money even when invested in conservative strategies. Clients should also keep in mind that past performance is not indicative of future results and changes in economic or market conditions can have a material impact on the value of their portfolios. Different types of investments involve varying degrees of risk, and it should not be assumed that future performance of any specific investment or investment strategy (including the investments and/or investment strategies recommended or undertaken by SAM) will be profitable or equal any specific performance level(s).

SAM's investment approach and the use of derivatives, equity and fixed income securities have different risk profiles. Before investing on behalf of a client, SAM reviews the client's risk profile, financial situation, investment objective and time horizon. These risks are dependent on the specific client portfolio and may include but are not limited to the following risks:

### **Strategy Related Risks**

#### **Asset Allocation Risk**

The amount invested in various asset classes of securities may change over time, clients are subject to the risk that SAM may allocate assets to an asset class that under performs other asset classes.

#### **Below Investment Grade Bond Risk**

Below investment grade bonds, otherwise known as high yield bonds ("junk bonds"), generally have a greater risk of principal loss than investment grade bonds. Below investment grade bonds are often considered speculative and involve significantly higher credit risk and liquidity risk. The value of these bonds may fluctuate more than the value of higher-rated debt obligations and may decline significantly in periods of general economic difficulty or periods of rising interest rates.

#### **Call Risk**

Call risk is the risk that a bond issuer will redeem its callable bonds before they mature. Call risk is greater during periods of falling interest rates because the bond issuer can call the debt and reissue the debt at a lower rate. This action may reduce the client's income because it may have to reinvest the proceeds at lower interest rates.

#### **Credit Risk**

Credit risk is the risk that the issuer of the debt obligation will be unable to make interest or principal payments on time. A decrease in an issuer's credit rating may cause a decline in the value of the debt obligations held.

#### **Derivatives Risk**

The use of derivatives, such as futures, forwards, options and swaps, involves risks different from, or possibly greater than the risks associated with investing directly in securities. Prices of derivatives can be volatile and may move in unexpected ways, especially in unusual market conditions. Some derivatives are particularly sensitive to changes in interest rates. In addition, there may be imperfect or even negative correlation between the price of the derivatives contract and the price of the underlying securities. Other risks arise from the potential inability to terminate or sell derivative positions. Further, derivatives could result in loss if the counterparty to the transaction does not perform as promised.

#### **Hedging Risk**

Derivatives used to hedge a position or a portfolio may not provide an effective hedge of the underlying securities or indices because changes in the prices of derivatives may not track those of the securities or indices they are intended to hedge.

### **Interest Rate Risk**

The value of debt obligations will typically fluctuate with interest rate changes. These fluctuations can be greater for debt obligations with longer maturities. When interest rates rise, debt obligations will generally decline in value, a result of which could be money lost. Periods of declining or low interest rates may negatively impact a client's yield.

### **Inverse Floaters and Inverse Interest-Only ("IOs")**

Clients will be exposed to additional risk to the extent that SAM uses inverse floaters and inverse IOs, which are debt securities with interest rates that reset in the opposite direction from the market rate to which the security is indexed. These securities are more volatile and more sensitive to interest rate changes than other types of debt securities. If interest rates move in a manner not anticipated by SAM, clients could lose all or substantially all of its investment in inverse IOs.

### **Liquidity Risk**

Liquidity risk is the risk that holdings which are considered to be illiquid may be difficult to value. Illiquid holdings also may be difficult to sell, both at the time or price desired.

### **Mortgage-Backed Securities ("MBS") Risk**

The value of mortgage-backed securities (commercial and residential) may fluctuate significantly, in response to changes in interest rates. In periods of falling interest rates, underlying mortgages may be paid early, lowering the potential total return, and, during periods of rising interest rates, the rate at which the underlying mortgages are pre-paid may slow unexpectedly, causing the maturity of the mortgage-backed securities to increase and their value to decline.

Mortgage-Backed Securities (MBS) and other Asset Back Securities (ABS) are structured finance products backed by pools of assets and created through a securitization process in which a special purpose entity (SPE) is created. The financial assets are transferred to the SPE which collateralize the ABS. Some ABS represent interests in "pools" of mortgages or other assets held in trust and often involve one or more risks that can be materially different from, or possibly more acute than risks associated with other types of debt instruments. ABS are further impacted by actual or perceived changes in the credit worthiness of the originator. Other risks impacting ABS and MBS include, but are not limited to, interest rate risk, credit risk, liquidity risk, prepayment risk, market risk, operational risk, and legal risk. Some or all of the risks memorialized herein may be directly associated with the asset pool and the structuring of the securities. Because investors in MBS and ABS can be affected by a significant degree of risk including the risk of a complete loss of principal, they are not suitable for all clients. Investors are encouraged to discuss the benefits and risks of these investments with their financial, tax, and other advisors before agreeing to participate in these investments.

### **Odd Lot Risk**

Smaller size MBS collateralized mortgage obligation ("CMO") bonds, (e.g. "odd lots") typically trade at a discount compared to larger sized bonds (e.g. "round lots"). Buying a bond at a discount provides a greater return than non-discounted bonds when held to maturity (all other things being equal). However, typically there is a corresponding discount the seller must absorb when selling odd lots prior to maturity. Further, while market participants recognize "odd lot" dynamics, third-party pricing vendors frequently do not. SAM and its custodians rely on these vendors for portfolio valuations. Clients can view their portfolio by accessing their accounts through their custodian's website or on their monthly statements provided by their custodian.

When a client owns "odd lots" in their portfolio, the valuation provided by the custodian may be inflated because the third-party pricing vendor may be valuing those securities as if they were "round lots". When these "odd lots" are sold, the client

may receive less than the valuation provided by the custodian.

### **Prepayment Risk**

The issuer of certain securities may repay principal in advance, especially when yields fall. Changes in the rate at which prepayments occur can affect the return on investment of these securities. When debt obligations are prepaid or when securities are called, SAM may have to reinvest in securities with a lower yield. SAM also may fail to recover additional amounts (i.e., premiums) paid for securities with higher coupons, resulting in an unexpected capital loss.

CMOs and stripped mortgage-backed securities, including those structures as IOs and principal-onlys (“POs”), are more volatile and may be more sensitive to the rate of prepayments than other mortgage related securities. The structure of some of these securities may be complex and there may be less available information than other types of debt securities.

Principal-Only is created by splitting a mortgage-backed security into its interest and principal payments. The principal payments create a string of cash flows which are sold at a discount to investors. These investors will receive the principal portions of the monthly mortgage payments from the underlying pool of loans. The yield on a PO strip depends on the prepayment speed of the underlying loan. The faster the principal is repaid, the higher the yield an investor will receive. The slower the principal is repaid, the lower the yield an investor will receive. PO bonds receive the entire mortgage principal and only the mortgage principal.

- PO bonds have a known dollar amount but an unknown timing.
- The PO bonds will be sold to investors at a discount to the gross principal balance; the discount amount will be based on the level of interest rates and prepayment speed.
- Generally, PO strip bonds are more volatile than conventional MBS.
- Rising interest rates cause prepayments to decelerate and increases the discount rate applied to cash flows, thus lowering the PO price.
- The yield on PO strips varies based on the prepayment speed. The higher the prepayment, the faster the principal is repaid, and the higher the yield is for investors.

Interest-Only portion of the mortgage, Treasury or bond payments, which is separated and sold individually from the principal portion of those same payments. An IO bond might be part of a larger CMO, asset-backed security (“ABS”) or collateralized debt obligation (“CDO”) structure. IO bond investors receive only the interest component of the mortgages in the security pool.

- Assuming that a mortgage is held to maturity, the IO payments would be very high in the early years and very low in the later years.
- High prepayments tend to reduce IO values.
- As interest rates decline and prepayments increase, less dollars of interest are paid to IO investors, so IO prices can drop when interest rates decline.
- As interest rates increase, prepayments decrease, so mortgages last longer and the total dollars paid to IO holders rises; therefore, IO prices can rise when interest rates rise.

### **Specific Private Fund Risks**

#### **Seelaus Credit Opportunities Fund LP**

The Seelaus Credit Opportunities Fund, LP is a long-short investment grade credit hedge fund. The investment team utilizes active hedging of interest rate risk and long/short credit exposure which results in a low correlation to traditional long-only fixed income products and provides diversification for investors.

Risk Factors for subscribers to Seelaus Credit Opportunities Fund, LP include but are not limited to:

### **General Investment and Trading Risks.**

All securities investments present a risk of loss of capital. Volatile financial markets increase that risk. If the Investment Manager's evaluation of an investment opportunity should prove incorrect, the Partnership could experience losses as a result of a decline in the market value of securities in which the Partnership holds a long position or an increase in the value of securities in which the Partnership holds a short position. The Partnership's investment program will include short sales, which can involve substantial volatility and can, in certain circumstances, substantially increase the adverse impact to which the Partnership may be subject. The risk management techniques that may be used by the Investment Manager do not provide any assurance that the Partnership will not be exposed to a risk of significant investment losses. No guarantee or representation is made that the Partnership's investment program will be successful, that the Partnership will achieve its targeted returns or that there will be any return of capital invested to investors in the Partnership. In addition, investment results may vary substantially over time.

### **General Economic Conditions.**

The success of the Partnership's activities will be affected by general economic and market conditions, such as interest rates, availability of credit, inflation rates, economic uncertainty, changes in laws (including laws relating to taxation of the Partnership's investments), tax considerations and tax treatment, trade barriers, currency exchange controls and national and international political circumstances (including wars, terrorist acts and security operations). These factors may affect the level and volatility of the prices and liquidity of the Partnership's investments and could impair the Partnership's profitability or result in losses. The Investment Manager may consider some or all of these factors when making trading decisions. The Partnership could incur material losses even if the Investment Manager reacts quickly to difficult market conditions, and there can be no assurance that the Partnership will not suffer material losses and other adverse effects from broad and rapid changes in market conditions in the future. Limited Partners should realize that markets for the financial instruments in which the Partnership will seek to invest can correlate strongly with each other at times or in ways that are difficult for the Investment Manager to predict. Even a well-analyzed approach may not protect the Partnership from significant losses under certain market conditions.

### **Availability of Suitable Investments.**

The success of the Partnership's investment and trading activities depend on the ability of the Investment Manager to identify overvalued and undervalued investment opportunities and to manage market exposure risk. Identification and exploitation of the investment strategies to be pursued by the Partnership involve a high degree of uncertainty. No assurance can be given that the Investment Manager will be able to identify suitable investment opportunities in which to deploy all of the Partnership's capital. A reduction in overall market volatility and liquidity, as well as other market factors, may reduce the pool of profitable investments for the Partnership. Certain of the investment strategies employed by the Partnership may be based on historical relationships among securities prices, exchange rates, interest rates and bond prices. There can be no assurance that these historical relationships will continue, and no representation is made by the Investment Manager as to what results the Partnership will or is likely to achieve based on these trends and relationships.

### **General Credit Risks; Credit Opportunities.**

The Partnership intends to invest primarily in credit opportunities, a portion of which may be less liquid, illiquid and/or distressed. In addition, the Partnership may invest in other debt instruments or obligations that are not secured by collateral, and, thereby, the Partnership may be exposed to losses resulting from default and foreclosure of any such investments. Therefore, the value of underlying collateral, if any, the creditworthiness of borrowers and the priority of liens are each of great importance in determining the value of the Partnership's investments. No guarantee can be made regarding the adequacy of the protection of the Partnership's security, if any, in the debt instruments in which it invests. Moreover, in the event of foreclosure, the Partnership or an affiliate thereof may assume direct ownership of any assets collateralizing such foreclosed loans. The liquidation proceeds upon the sale of such assets may not satisfy the entire outstanding balance of principal and interest on such foreclosed loans, resulting in a loss to the Partnership. Any costs or delays involved in the

effectuation of loan foreclosures or liquidation of the assets collateralizing such foreclosed loans will further reduce proceeds associated therewith and, consequently, increase possible losses to the Partnership. In addition, no assurances can be made that borrowers or third parties will not assert claims in connection with foreclosure proceedings or otherwise, or that such claims will not interfere with the enforcement of the Partnership's rights.

### **Credit Risk and Credit Ratings.**

The Investment Manager does not believe that credit ratings should be used as the sole method of evaluating creditworthiness, as such ratings represent only the opinions of the relevant rating agency as to credit quality and are not absolute standards. In addition, ratings agencies may fail to change credit ratings in a timely fashion to reflect events since a security was last rated. "Investment-grade" debt securities are those debt securities that are rated by one or more nationally recognized statistical rating organizations ("NRSROs") within one of the four highest long-term quality grades at the time of purchase (e.g., AAA, AA, A or BBB by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services or Fitch, Inc. or Aaa, Aa, A or Baa by Moody's Investors Service, or in the case of unrated securities, determined by the Investment Manager to be of comparable quality. For purposes of any minimum or average rating requirements set forth in this Memorandum that are based upon an NRSRO's ratings categories, (1) if no sub-categories or gradations are specified the requirement is determined without regard to such sub-categories and gradations, (2) the rating assigned by any one NRSRO may be deemed sufficient, even if one or more other NRSROs may have assigned a lower rating, and (3) if a particular debt security is not rated by an NRSRO, the Investment Manager's determination that the security has credit characteristics comparable to those of a particular ratings category shall be sufficient to treat the security as if it had been rated as such by an NRSRO.

### **Issuer's Inability to Pay Obligations.**

The Partnership will invest in corporate debt obligations, which are subject to the risk of an issuer's inability to meet principal and interest payments on the obligations, therefore creating credit risk. There can be no guarantee that the Investment Manager will be successful in making the right selections and thus fully mitigate the impact of credit risk.

### **Securities of High Yield Companies.**

Special risks may arise if the Partnership invests in the securities of "high yield" and highly leveraged companies. Although such investments may result in significant returns to the Partnership, they involve a substantial degree of risk. If the "natural leverage" created by a company's high level of borrowing work against a Partnership short position, the Partnership's losses would be heightened. If the Partnership purchases distressed and/or non-performing debt securities, and subsequent to purchasing them finds that they are no longer readily traded by broker-dealers, these securities may not show any return for a considerable period of time. Many distressed and/or non-performing securities ordinarily remain unpaid while the company is in bankruptcy and may not ultimately be paid unless and until the company reorganizes and/or emerges from bankruptcy proceedings. As a result, if they are no longer readily traded by broker-dealers, such securities may have to be held for an extended period of time. There is no assurance that the Investment Manager will correctly evaluate the nature and magnitude of the various factors that could affect the prospects for a successful reorganization or similar action. In any reorganization or liquidation proceeding relating to a company in which the Partnership invests, the Partnership may lose its entire investment. Under such circumstances, the returns generated from the Partnership's investments may not compensate the Limited Partners adequately for the risks assumed.

The Partnership may invest in high yield bonds and preferred securities that are rated in the lower rating categories by the various credit rating agencies (or in comparable non-rated securities). Securities in the lower rating categories may be subject to greater risk of loss of principal and interest than higher-rated securities and are generally considered to be predominately speculative with respect to the issuer's capacity to pay interest and repay principal. They are also generally considered to be subject to greater risk than securities with higher ratings in the case of deterioration of general economic conditions. Because investors generally perceive that there are greater risks associated with the lower-rated securities, the yields and prices of such securities may tend to fluctuate more than those for higher-rated securities. The market for lower-

rated securities is thinner and less active than that for higher rated securities, which can adversely affect the prices at which these securities can be sold. In addition, adverse publicity and investor perceptions about lower-rated securities, whether or not based on fundamental analysis, may be a contributing factor in a decrease in the value and liquidity of such lower-rated securities.

### **Priority of Debt Instruments.**

The Partnership may invest in secured debt issued by companies that have or may incur additional debt that is senior to the secured debt owned by the Partnership. In many instances, loans purchased by the Partnership may be part of a unitranche structure in which a single lien on behalf of all the lenders in the structure will be filed against the assets of the company if the lenders holding the different tranches of debt (including the Partnership) will contractually agree to their respective priorities in those assets. In the event of insolvency, liquidation, dissolution, reorganization or bankruptcy of any such company, the owners of senior secured debt (*i.e.*, the owners of first priority liens), including in a unitranche structure through the contractual agreements between the lenders, generally will be entitled to receive proceeds from any realization of the secured collateral until they have been reimbursed. At such time, the owners of junior secured debt (including, in certain circumstances, the Partnership) will be entitled to receive proceeds from the realization of the collateral securing such debt. There can be no assurances that the proceeds, if any, from the sale of such collateral would be sufficient to satisfy the loan obligations secured by subordinate debt instruments. To the extent that the Partnership owns secured debt that is junior to other secured debt, the Partnership may lose the value of its entire investment in such secured debt.

### **Interest Rate Risk; Prepayment.**

The Partnership may invest in fixed interest rate debt instruments. The value of fixed interest rate debt instruments generally has an inverse relationship with future interest rates. Accordingly, if interest rates rise, the value of such instruments may decline. In addition, to the extent that the receivables or loans underlying specific financial instruments may be prepaid without penalty or premium, the value of such financial instruments may be negatively affected by increasing prepayments. Such prepayments tend to occur more frequently as interest rates decline.

### **Equitable Subordination.**

Under the laws of certain jurisdictions, a court may use its equitable powers to subordinate the claim of a lender to some or all of the other claims against the borrower under certain circumstances. The concept of equitable subordination is that a claim may normally be subordinated only if its holder is guilty of some misconduct. The remedy is intended to be remedial, and not penal. In determining whether equitable subordination of a claim is appropriate in any given circumstance, courts may look to whether the following conditions have been satisfied: (i) whether the claimant has engaged in some type of inequitable conduct; (ii) whether the misconduct has resulted in injury to the creditors of the bankrupt company or conferred an unfair advantage on the claimant; and (iii) whether equitable subordination would be inconsistent with other applicable provisions of the bankruptcy code. While the stated test could be interpreted broadly, equitable subordination is usually confined to three general paradigms: (x) when a fiduciary of the debtor (who is also a creditor) misuses its position to the detriment of other creditors; (y) when a third party (which can include a lender) controls the debtor to the disadvantage of other creditors; and (z) when a third party actually defrauds other creditors. The Partnership may be subject to claims from creditors of an obligor that debt assets of such obligor, which are held by the Partnership, should be equitably subordinated. The concept of equitable subordination (or the equivalent thereof) may vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction.

### **Concentration of Investments; Limited Diversification and Sector Investing.**

The Partnership's portfolio of investments is expected to be concentrated in the global credit markets. Accordingly, the Partnership is exposed to the risk of adverse developments in or affecting these industries to a greater extent than if its investments were diversified over a larger number of issuers and industries. The Partnership may hold a limited amount of positions (both long and short) at any given time and the Partnership may hold relatively large positions in few securities.

As a result of the Partnership's possible lack of diversification, a significant loss in any one position may have a material adverse effect on the net asset value of the Partnership's rate of return. Therefore, any fluctuation in the overall value of securities in specific markets, industries or sectors likely will have a material effect on the performance of the Partnership. The Investment Manager's specialized investment strategy and potential lack of diversification may be more vulnerable to changes in the economy or those industries or other factors than a broad-based portfolio, and, as a result, performance results may be highly volatile and may result in the Partnership significantly outperforming, or under-performing, the market as a whole.

### **Equity Securities.**

Although the Partnership will trade primarily in debt securities, the Partnership also may invest in equity and equity-related securities, including, without limitation, equity investments acquired in connection with restructured debt securities or instruments, or in connection with reorganizations and/or restructurings of debt securities, equity securities or other obligations and assets of undervalued, operationally challenged and/or financially troubled companies or institutions. A risk of investing in the Partnership is that equity securities held by the Partnership may decline in value. Equity securities fluctuate in value in response to many factors, including the activities and financial condition of individual companies, the business market in which individual companies compete, industry market conditions, interest rates and general economic environments. In addition, equity securities that the Investment Manager believes are undervalued or incorrectly valued may not ultimately be valued by the markets in the manner that the Investment Manager anticipates.

### **Debt Securities.**

The Partnership intends to invest in debt or other fixed income securities, including non-investment grade securities, and similar obligations and instruments. Particularly with respect to non-investment grade securities, there is a risk that the issuer will default on its payment obligations. The market values of debt instruments may be more volatile than the values of other investments and, during periods of economic uncertainty and change, the market price of these investments may decrease significantly. Debt instruments may also be less liquid than equities, particularly during periods of market dislocation. The lack of a liquid secondary market may have an adverse effect on the market price and the Partnership's ability to sell particular securities.

### **U.S. Government Securities.**

The Partnership may invest in U.S. Government securities. Generally, these securities include U.S. Treasury obligations and obligations issued or guaranteed by U.S. Government agencies, instrumentalities or sponsored enterprises. U.S. Government securities also include Treasury receipts and other stripped U.S. Government securities, where the interest and principal components of stripped U.S. Government securities are traded independently. These securities are subject to market and interest rate risk. The Partnership may also invest in zero coupon U.S. Treasury securities and in zero coupon securities issued by financial institutions, which represent a proportionate interest in underlying U.S. Treasury securities. A zero-coupon security pays no interest to its holder during its life. The market prices of zero-coupon securities generally are more volatile than the market prices of securities that pay interest periodically.

### **Short Sales.**

Short selling involves selling securities that may or may not be owned and borrowing the same securities for delivery to the purchaser, with an obligation to replace the borrowed securities at a later date. Short selling allows the investor to profit from a decline in market prices to the extent such decline exceeds the transaction costs and the costs of borrowing the securities. However, since the borrowed securities must be replaced by purchases at market prices to close out the short position, any appreciation in the price of the borrowed securities would result in a loss. A short sale involves the risk of a theoretically unlimited increase in the market price of the security. Purchasing securities to close out the short position can itself cause the price of the securities to rise further, thereby exacerbating the loss.



In addition, short sellers are subject to the risk of a “short squeeze.” A short squeeze is a situation in which the short seller is prematurely forced out of a short position. The lender of a security used to cover a short generally has the right to demand the return of the security that has been loaned at any time. If a lender were to demand the return of securities that the Partnership had borrowed, the Partnership would be required to replace the borrowed securities by borrowing identical securities from another lender. If the Partnership were unable to replace the borrowed securities, it would be required to close out the short sale by buying identical securities in the market to make delivery. In such event, the Partnership could incur significant losses if the securities sold short had increased in value.

The Partnership also could be forced to close out a short sale prematurely as a result of an increase in margin requirements, coupled with an inability to provide the required additional margin on short notice. In addition, the cost to borrow securities in connection with short sales may be significant.

### **Leverage.**

The Partnership may employ leverage in connection with its investment strategies or for any other purpose deemed necessary, desirable or appropriate at such times, in such amounts and subject to such terms and conditions as the Investment Manager may determine in its sole and absolute discretion. Such leverage may take a variety of forms, including loans, repurchase agreements, derivative instruments that are inherently leveraged, margin borrowing from securities brokers and dealers and other financing arrangements, as determined by the Investment Manager in its sole and absolute discretion. The use of leverage increases both the possibility for gain and the risk of loss. Leverage may be secured by the Partnership’s securities and other assets. Under certain circumstances, a lender may demand an increase in the collateral that secures such obligations, and if the Partnership is unable to provide additional collateral, the lender could liquidate assets held in the account to satisfy such obligations. Liquidation in that manner could have extremely adverse consequences. In addition, the amount of the Partnership’s borrowing and the interest rates on that borrowing, both of which will fluctuate, may have an effect on the Partnership’s profitability.

### **Hedging.**

The Partnership may engage in certain hedging transactions, including derivatives, options and swaps. Hedges can be more difficult to implement than many other types of transactions, and the possibilities for errors may be greater than for other transactions. Additionally, there is no guarantee that these hedging transactions will prevent losses to the Partnership. The success of the Partnership’s hedging strategy will be subject to the Investment Manager’s ability to correctly assess the degree of correlation between the performance of the instruments used in the hedging strategy and the performance of the investments in the portfolio being hedged. Since the characteristics of many securities change as markets change or time passes, the success of the Partnership’s hedging strategy will also be subject to the Investment Manager’s ability to continually recalculate, readjust and execute hedges in an efficient and timely manner. In addition, hedging transactions may result in poorer overall performance for the Partnership than if no such hedging transactions were executed. Moreover, the Investment Manager may determine not to hedge against, or may not anticipate, certain risks. Finally, the Partnership may be exposed to certain risks that cannot be hedged, such as credit risk (relating both to particular investments and counterparties).

### **Derivatives.**

The Partnership may invest in derivative financial instruments. In addition, the Partnership may, from time to time, utilize both exchange-traded and over-the-counter futures, options and contracts for differences, for hedging purposes, as well as other derivatives. Regulatory restraints may restrict the instruments that the Partnership may trade. Such derivative instruments are highly volatile, involve certain special risks and expose investors to a high risk of loss. The low initial margin deposits normally required to establish a position in such instruments permit a high degree of leverage. As a result, a relatively small movement in the price of a contract may result in a gain or a loss which is high in proportion to the amount of funds actually placed as initial margin and may result in unquantifiable further losses exceeding any margin

deposited. Further, when used for hedging purposes, there may be an imperfect correlation between these instruments and the investments or market sectors being hedged.

### **Credit Derivatives.**

The Partnership may invest in credit derivatives. Credit derivatives are contracts that transfer price, spread and/or default risks of debt and other instruments from one party to another. Such instruments may include one or more debtors. Payments under credit derivatives may be made during the exercise period of the contracts. Payments under many credit derivatives are triggered by credit events such as bankruptcy, default, restructuring, failure to pay, cross default or acceleration, etc. Such payments may be for notional amounts, actual losses or amounts determined by formula. The market for credit derivatives is somewhat illiquid and there are considerable risks that it may be difficult to either buy or sell the contracts as needed or at reasonable prices. Sellers of credit derivatives carry the inherent price, spread and default risks of the debt instruments covered by the derivative instruments. Buyers of credit derivatives carry the risk of non-performance by the seller due to inability to pay. There are also risks with respect to credit derivatives in determining whether an event will trigger payment under the derivative and whether such payment will offset the loss or payment due under another instrument. In the past, buyers and sellers of credit derivatives have found that a trigger event in one contract may not match the trigger event in another contract, exposing the buyer or the seller to further risk.

### **Securities Lending and Borrowing.**

The Partnership may lend securities to securities brokers and other institutions as a means of earning additional income or may borrow securities from securities brokers or other institutions to cover short positions. The cost of such borrowing may be significant. If the other party to such transaction becomes insolvent or bankrupt, the Partnership could experience delays and extra costs in recovering payment or the securities. To the extent that, in the meantime, the value of securities changes, the Partnership could experience further losses. Security loans must be fully collateralized, and the Investment Manager must be satisfied with the creditworthiness of the other party to the transaction.

### **Possible Illiquidity of Investments; Investments in Restricted Securities.**

The Partnership may invest in private deals, the securities of which are not traded on public exchanges and are subject to restrictions on sale because they were acquired from the issuer in “private placement” transactions or because the Partnership is deemed to be an affiliate of the issuer. Generally, the Partnership cannot sell these restricted securities publicly in the United States without the expense and time required to register the securities under the Securities Act and may not otherwise sell such securities in the United States unless such sale is exempt from registration under the applicable provisions of the Securities Act. Any such market or legal restrictions, or any contractual transfer limitations, on the Partnership may result in the relative illiquidity of certain of the Partnership’s investments, preventing or delaying any sale thereof or reducing the amount of proceeds that might otherwise be realized from their sale, and resulting in the General Partner potentially designating such investments as illiquid.

### **Competition.**

The securities industry is extremely competitive. The Investment Manager will compete for investment opportunities against various other investors, including many of the larger securities and investment banking firms, which have substantially greater financial resources and research staffs. Competitive investment activity by other firms may reduce the Partnership’s opportunity for profit by reducing the availability of or increasing the price of what the Partnership believes to be, based on its investment criteria, exceptional investment opportunities.

### **Securities Market Volatility.**

Securities markets are volatile and may decline significantly in response to adverse issuer, political, regulatory, market or economic developments. Different parts of the market and different types of debt and equity securities may react differently

to these developments. For example, small cap stocks may react differently than large cap stocks. Issuer, political or economic developments may affect a single issuer, issuers within an industry, sector or geographic region, or the market as a whole.

### **Risk of Operations/Liquidity Risks.**

Although a significant portion of the securities that the Partnership will acquire will be traded on public exchanges, each exchange typically has the right to suspend or limit trading in all securities that it lists. Such a suspension could render it difficult or impossible for the Partnership to liquidate its positions and would thereby expose it to losses. In addition, some of the securities in which the Partnership may invest may be thinly traded, potentially making it difficult for the Partnership to dispose of a position at the time or price desired. Moreover, in periods of extreme market volatility, the bid/ask spreads for some securities that ordinarily are liquid may widen, making it difficult or undesirable to sell the securities. There can be no assurance that the trading markets will remain liquid enough for management to close out existing positions at any time there is a need to do so.

### **Company Capitalization.**

The Partnership may invest in securities of companies with various capitalizations where such companies meet the investment criteria described herein. While such companies may provide significant potential for appreciation, such investments, particularly small-capitalization securities, involve higher risks in some respects than do investments in securities of larger companies. The prices of small capitalization and even medium-capitalization and mid-capitalization securities are often more volatile than prices of large capitalization securities and the risk of bankruptcy or insolvency of many smaller companies (with the attendant losses to long investors) is higher than for larger, “blue-chip” companies. In addition, due to thin trading in some small-, mid- and medium-capitalization securities, an investment in those securities may be illiquid. The small-, mid- and medium-capitalization securities may, at times, significantly underperform the large capitalization securities and may do so in the future. A related concern for short sale risk is that smaller companies tend to be more readily acquired.

### **Securities of Sub-Investment Grade Companies.**

Special risks may arise if the Partnership invests in the securities of sub-investment grade and highly-leveraged companies. Although such investments may result in significant returns to the Partnership, they involve a substantial degree of risk. If a company’s high level of borrowing works against a Partnership short position, the Partnership’s losses would be heightened. If the Partnership purchases distressed and/or non-performing debt securities, and subsequent to purchasing them finds that they are no longer readily traded by broker-dealers, these securities may not show any return for a considerable period of time. Many distressed and/or non-performing securities ordinarily remain unpaid while the company is in bankruptcy and may not ultimately be paid unless and until the company reorganizes and/or emerges from bankruptcy proceedings. As a result, if they are no longer readily traded by broker-dealers, such securities may have to be held for an extended period of time. There is no assurance that the Investment Manager will correctly evaluate the nature and magnitude of the various factors that could affect the prospects for a successful reorganization or similar action. In any reorganization or liquidation proceeding relating to a company in which the Partnership invests, the Partnership may lose its entire investment. Under such circumstances, the returns generated from the Partnership’s investments may not compensate the Limited Partners adequately for the risks assumed.

### **Special Situation Investments.**

The Partnership may invest in companies involved in, or the target of, acquisition attempts or tender offers or in companies involved in or undergoing work-outs, liquidations, spin-offs, reorganizations, bankruptcies or other catalytic changes or similar transactions. In any investment opportunity involving any such type of special situation, there exists the risk that the contemplated transaction either will be unsuccessful, take considerable time or will result in a distribution of cash or a new

security, the value of which will be less than the purchase price to the Partnership of the security or other financial instrument in respect of which such distribution is received. Similarly, if an anticipated transaction does not in fact occur, the Partnership may be required to sell its investment at a loss. Because there is substantial uncertainty concerning the outcome of the transactions involving financially troubled companies in which the Partnership may invest, there is a potential risk of loss by the Partnership of its entire investment in such companies.

### **Borrowing; Interest Rates; Margin.**

The General Partner and/or the Investment Manager may borrow funds from brokerage firms and banks on behalf of the Partnership to be able to increase the amount of capital available for marketable securities investments. The rates at which the Partnership can borrow, in particular, will affect the operating results of the Partnership. Even if the Partnership makes a profit on a trade, the interest expense incurred in carrying the position may exceed the profit generated by the trade. Any use of short-term borrowings or repurchase agreements will result in certain additional risks to the Partnership. For example, should the securities pledged to brokers to secure the Partnership's margin accounts or repurchase obligation decline in value, the Partnership could be subject to a "margin call," pursuant to which the Partnership must either deposit additional funds with the broker or suffer mandatory liquidation of the pledged securities to compensate for the decline in value. In the event of a sudden drop in the value of the Partnership's assets, the Partnership might not be able to liquidate assets quickly enough to pay off its margin debt.

### **Institutional Risks.**

Institutions will have custody of the assets of the Partnership. Certain assets of the Partnership will be exposed to the credit risk of the dealers, brokers and exchanges through which the Investment Manager deals, whether the Investment Manager engages in exchange-traded or off-exchange transactions. These firms and/or financial institutions, regardless of how large or well-capitalized, may encounter financial difficulties that impair the operating capabilities or the capital position of the Partnership. If any broker-dealer or other financial institution holding the Partnership's assets were to become bankrupt or insolvent, it is possible that the Partnership would be able to recover only a portion, or in certain circumstances, none of its assets held by such bankrupt or insolvent entity.

### **Counterparty Risk.**

Brokers may trade with an exchange as principals on behalf of the Partnership, in a "debtor-creditor" relationship, unlike other clearing broker relationships where the broker is merely a facilitator of the transaction. Such broker could, therefore, have title to all of the assets of the Partnership (for example, the transactions that the broker has entered into on behalf of the Partnership as principal as well as the margin payments that the Partnership provides). In the event of such broker's insolvency, the transactions into which the broker has entered as principal could default, and the Partnership's assets could become part of the insolvent broker's estate, to the detriment of the Partnership. The Partnership's assets may be held in "street name," in which case, a default by the broker could cause the Partnership's rights to be limited to that of an unsecured creditor.

To the extent that the Partnership invests in swaps, derivative or synthetic instruments, or other over-the-counter transactions, including forward contracts, or, in certain circumstances, non-U.S. securities, the Partnership may also take a credit risk with respect to the parties with whom it trades and may bear the risk of settlement default. These risks may differ materially from those entailed in exchange-traded transactions, which generally are backed by clearing organization guarantees, daily marking-to-market and settlement, and segregation and minimum capital requirements applicable to intermediaries. Transactions entered into directly between two counterparties generally do not benefit from such protections and expose the parties to the risk of counterparty default.

### **Discretion and Changes in Investment Strategy.**

The Investment Manager has considerable discretion in choosing the securities that may be acquired, and, subject to the

restrictions expressly set forth herein, it has the right to modify the investment strategy, selection criteria or hedging techniques used by the Partnership without the consent of the Limited Partners. *Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery*. The business operations of the General Partner, the Investment Manager, their affiliates, the Partnership and their portfolio companies may be vulnerable to disruption in the case of catastrophic events such as fires, natural disaster (e.g., tornadoes, floods, hurricanes and earthquakes), terrorist attacks or other circumstances resulting in property damage, network interruption and/or prolonged power outages. Although the General Partner, the Investment Manager and/or their affiliates have implemented, or expect to implement, measures to manage risks relating to these types of events, there can be no assurances that all contingencies can be planned for. These risks of loss can be substantial and could have a material adverse effect on the Partnership and the Limited Partners' investments therein.

### **Cyber Security Breaches and Identity Theft.**

The information and technology systems of the General Partner, the Investment Manager, their affiliates, the Partnership and their service providers and their portfolio companies may be vulnerable to damage or interruption from computer viruses, network failures, computer and telecommunication failures, infiltration by unauthorized persons, other security breaches and/or usage errors by their respective professionals. The techniques used to obtain unauthorized access to data, disable or degrade service or sabotage systems change frequently and may be difficult to detect for long periods of time. Hardware or software acquired from third parties may contain defects in design or manufacture or other problems that could unexpectedly compromise information security.

Although the General Partner, the Investment Manager and/or their affiliates have implemented, or expect to implement, measures to manage risks relating to these types of events, if these systems are compromised, become inoperable for extended periods of time or cease to function properly, the General Partner, the Investment Manager, their affiliates, the Partnership, their service providers and/or their portfolio companies may have to make a significant investment to fix or replace them. The failure of these systems for any reason could cause significant interruptions in such parties' operations and/or a failure to maintain the security, confidentiality or privacy of sensitive data, including personal information relating to investors (and the beneficial owners of investors). Such a failure could harm the reputation of the General Partner, the Investment Manager, their affiliates, the Partnership and/or their portfolio companies, subject any such entity and their respective affiliates to legal claims and/or otherwise affect their business and financial performance. Specifically, cyberattacks and the failure of such systems may interfere with the processing of Limited Partner subscriptions or withdrawals, impact the Partnership's ability to value its assets, cause the release of confidential information and/or subject the Partnership to regulatory fines, penalties or financial losses, reimbursement or other compensation costs, and/or additional compliance costs. The Partnership also may incur substantial costs for cyber-security risk management to prevent any cyber incidents in the future. The Partnership and the Limited Partners could be negatively impacted as a result.

### **Lack of Transferability of the Interests.**

The Partnership is intended for long-term investors who can accept the risks associated with investing primarily in securities that involve a high degree of financial risk. There is no public market for the Interests, and no such market is expected to develop in the future. Partners generally may not sell, transfer, exchange, assign, pledge, hypothecate or otherwise dispose of their Interests (or any portion thereof) without the prior written consent of the General Partner, which, in the sole and absolute discretion of the General Partner, may be withheld for any reason or no reason. Prospective investors are required to represent that they will be acquiring their Interests for investment purposes only and not with a view to resale or distribution. The Interests have not been registered under the Securities Act or any state securities laws. Therefore, they are subject to restrictions on transfer under the Securities Act and under certain states' securities laws. Accordingly, the General Partner may require an opinion of counsel satisfactory to the General Partner that, among other things, a proposed transfer of Interests is exempt from registration prior to consenting to any such transfer. It is not anticipated that a market for the Interests will ever develop.

### **Lack of Liquidity; Limitations on Withdrawals.**

Voluntary withdrawals by the Limited Partners are limited and may be made only at specified times described elsewhere herein. The General Partner may find it necessary to establish one or more reserves for contingent liabilities, such as in connection with pending litigation, by withholding a certain portion of the amount payable in connection with the withdrawal until resolution of such contingencies. In addition, the General Partner may elect to make a distribution in-kind by distributing securities (including illiquid securities) to a withdrawing Limited Partner. There can be no assurances that a Limited Partner will be able to sell the securities received for the amount at which the securities were valued for purposes of the withdrawal. The risk of a decline in the value of such securities in the period from the relevant Withdrawal Date to the date upon which such securities are distributed to the withdrawing Limited Partner, and the risk of any loss or delay in liquidating such securities, will be borne by the withdrawing Limited Partner. The General Partner also may require that any Limited Partner withdraw all or a portion of its Capital Account. Distributions, other than permitted withdrawals, are solely at the discretion of the General Partner. It is the intention of the General Partner to accumulate capital in the Partnership and not to make any discretionary distributions (including dividends) to Limited Partners other than with respect to withdrawals. The General Partner shall have the right to make withdrawals from time to time, including, without limitation, withdrawals to pay taxes on gains or income generated by Partnership results.

#### **Effects of Substantial Withdrawals.**

Substantial withdrawals by the Limited Partners and/or investors in the Partnership within a limited period of time could compel the Partnership to liquidate its securities positions more rapidly than otherwise would be desirable, which could affect adversely the amount distributable to the withdrawing Limited Partners and the value of the remaining Interests. In addition, regardless of the period of time within which withdrawals occur, the resulting reduction in the Partnership's equity base could make it more difficult for the Partnership to generate trading profits or recoup losses, and could even cause the Partnership to liquidate positions prematurely.

#### **Market Disruptions.**

The Partnership may incur major losses in the event of market disruptions and other extraordinary events in which historical pricing relationships (on which the Investment Manager bases a number of its trading positions) become materially distorted. The risk of loss from pricing distortions is compounded by the fact that in disrupted markets many positions become illiquid, making it difficult or impossible to close out positions against which the markets are moving. The financing available to the Partnership from its banks, dealers and other counterparties is typically reduced during market disruptions. Market disruptions caused by unexpected political, military and terrorist events may from time to time cause dramatic losses for the Partnership and such events can result in otherwise historically low-risk strategies performing with unprecedented volatility and risk. In addition, market disruptions may have a direct or indirect negative effect on a wide range of borrowers and may increase the likelihood that such borrowers will be unable to make principal and interest payments on, or refinance, outstanding debt when due. Moreover, the risk that such disruptions will affect a borrower's ability to pay its debts and obligations when due is enhanced if such entity in turn provides credit to third parties or otherwise participates in the credit markets. In the event of such defaults, the Partnership could lose both invested capital in, and anticipated profits from, any affected investments.

#### **Suspension of Withdrawals.**

The General Partner may suspend withdrawal rights, in whole or in part, in the circumstances described herein and in the Partnership Agreement. In addition, the General Partner may suspend the payment of withdrawal proceeds to any Limited Partner if the General Partner deems it necessary, desirable or appropriate to do so, including to comply with laws and regulations (including anti-money laundering laws, sanctions and regulations) applicable to the Partnership, the General Partner, the Investment Manager, or any of the Partnership's service providers or agents.

#### **Incentive Allocation.**

The General Partner may be entitled to receive an Incentive Allocation. The amount allocated to the General Partner is

variable and cannot be determined in advance. Depending upon the Partnership's rate of return, the amount allocated to the General Partner may be substantial compared to a fee calculated as a percentage of the assets under management, which might be paid to a money manager for managing a comparable amount of money. This may provide an incentive to the General Partner to approve more speculative trading strategies or to act to crystallize long term or short-term capital gain treatment or to crystallize losses in an effort to maximize the Partnership's rate of return and the General Partner's Incentive Allocation. In addition, the Partnership's capital gains eligible investments are required to be held for more than three (3) years prior to their disposition in order for long-term capital gain tax rates to apply to the Incentive Allocation with respect to any such disposition. This requirement may create an incentive for the General Partner to delay the disposition of certain types of investments in an effort to minimize the amount of tax imposed on the Incentive Allocation.

### **Business and Regulatory Risks of Alternative Investment Funds.**

The financial services industry generally, and the activities of alternative investment funds and their managers in particular, have been subject to intense and increasing regulatory scrutiny. Such scrutiny may increase the Partnership's exposure to potential liabilities and to legal, compliance and other related costs. Increased regulatory oversight may also impose additional administrative burdens on the General Partner and/or the Investment Manager, including, without limitation, responding to examinations, investigations, and document requests, implementing new policies and procedures and complying with recordkeeping and reporting obligations. Such burdens may divert such parties' time, attention and resources from portfolio management activities. The regulatory environment for alternative investment funds is evolving, and changes in the regulation of private funds and their investing activities may adversely affect the ability of the Partnership to pursue its investment program, the value of the investments held by the Partnership and the Partnership's ability to obtain leverage. There has been an increase in governmental, as well as self-regulatory, scrutiny of the alternative investment industry in general. It is impossible to predict whether changes in regulations may occur, but any regulations that restrict the Partnership's activities could have a material adverse effect on the Partnership's investments. In addition, such regulatory scrutiny may increase the Partnership's exposure to potential liabilities and to legal, compliance and other related costs.

### **Temporary Investments.**

For temporary defensive purposes, the Partnership may vary from its investment policies during periods ("Temporary Defensive Periods") in which drastic conditions in global debt markets or other economic or political conditions warrant a defensive posture. During a Temporary Defensive Period, the Partnership may invest, without limit (and, for the avoidance of doubt, without regard to any investment limitation relating to such investments that may be set forth in this Memorandum), in short-term, liquid debt securities determined by the Investment Manager to be of high quality, which may include U.S. government securities, bank deposits, money market instruments and short-term (for this purpose, securities with a remaining maturity of one year or less) debt securities, including notes and bonds. The Partnership may also at any time temporarily invest funds awaiting reinvestment or held as reserves for distributions to Shareholders in the high quality and money market instruments referred to above.

### **Navesink River Partners, LP**

Navesink River Partners, LP pursues a growth strategy by seeking opportunities in holdings of common stocks, convertible issues and preferred stocks.

Risk Factors for subscribers to Navesink River Partners, LP include but are not limited to:

#### **General**

There is no assurance that the General Partner will accurately foresee changes in the markets or that it can successfully invest for profits in the short term. This form of investing is normally considered to involve high risk because of the difficulty of foreseeing the course that the markets will follow in the short term. Nevertheless, the General Partner believes that its value discipline will allow partners to participate in market upturns and will attempt to outperform the major stock market indices over a longer-term basis. It should be noted that substantially higher brokerage commissions could be incurred during periods of rapid turnover in the Partnership's portfolio due to high levels of volatility in the equity markets. The General Partner's compensation may be higher than alternative compensatory arrangements to other money managers.

### **Edgewood Partners, LP**

Edgewood Partners, LP is a balanced fund pursuing a growth and income strategy. Risk Factors for subscribers to Edgewood Partners include but are not limited to:

#### **General**

There is, of course, no assurance that the General Partner will accurately foresee changes in the markets or that it can successfully invest for profits in the short term. In addition, this form of investing is normally considered to involve high risk because of the difficulty of foreseeing the course that the markets will follow in the short term. Nevertheless, the General Partner believes that the use of better-quality high yield bonds should enhance the returns to the portfolio, and with lower volatility than an equity-only portfolio. Furthermore, there are certain additional costs associated with following the policy outlined above. First, substantially higher brokerage commissions are incurred during periods of rapid turnover in the partnership's portfolio. Second, the fee paid to the General Partner is higher than what would be the case for many portfolios because the General Partner must devote more time to following the portfolio and the numerous factors that influence short-term market movements.

### **Item 9 Disciplinary Information**

SAM has never been the subject of any material disciplinary actions related to its advisory business or the integrity of management.

### **Item 10 Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations**

#### **Registered Representative of a Broker-Dealer**

Some of our representatives are also registered representatives of R. Seelaus & Co., LLC ("RSCO"), a Securities and Exchange Commission registered, FINRA member securities broker-dealer. If you so choose, you may work with one of these dually registered investment adviser representatives in his or her separate capacity as a registered representative of RSCO. When acting in his or her separate capacity as a registered representative of RSCO, your SAM investment adviser representative has the ability to buy or sell, for a commission, general securities products such as stocks, bonds, mutual funds, exchange-traded funds, and variable annuity and variable life products to you in a separate commission-based brokerage account. As a registered representative of RSCO, your SAM investment adviser representative has the ability to suggest that you implement investment advice by purchasing securities products through a commission-based brokerage account in addition to, or in lieu of, a fee-based investment advisory account. This ability to receive commissions in lieu of a fee-based compensation structure creates a potential conflict of interest, as a dually registered



representative has an incentive to recommend products for which he or she can receive a commission in his or her separate capacity as a registered representative of a securities broker-dealer. Consequently, the objectivity of the advice rendered to you could be biased.

You are under no obligation to use the services of your SAM representative in this separate capacity of registered representative or to use RSCO to implement securities transactions. If you choose to have your SAM representative implement securities transactions in their separate capacity as a registered representative of the broker-dealer, they must use RSCO. Prior to effecting any such transactions, you are required to establish a separate account with RSCO. The commissions charged by RSCO may be higher or lower than those charged by other broker/dealers. In addition, registered representatives of RSCO may also receive additional ongoing 12b-1 fees for mutual fund purchases from mutual fund companies during the period that you maintain mutual fund investments in the separate commission-based brokerage account at RSCO.

Employees or Clients are, and could be in the future, affiliated with issuers or sponsors of investments made on behalf of Clients, or service providers that are ultimately paid by Clients, creating potential conflicts of interest relating to SAM's recommendation of investments or service provider selection. Notwithstanding, SAM has established policies and procedures to ensure that investments are made in Clients' best interest and that third-party service providers are selected within SAM's fiduciary duty and are appropriately supervised.

### **Insurance Agent**

If you so choose, you may work with your SAM investment adviser representative in his or her separate capacity as an insurance agent for RSC Financial Products LLC, an affiliated insurance agency. When acting in his or her separate capacity as an insurance agent, your SAM investment adviser representative may sell, for commissions, general disability insurance, life insurance, annuities, and other insurance products to you. As such, your SAM investment adviser representative, in his or her separate capacity as an insurance agent, may suggest that you implement his or her insurance recommendations by purchasing disability insurance, life insurance, annuities, or other insurance products. This receipt of commissions creates an incentive for the representative to recommend those products for which your SAM investment adviser representative will receive a commission, in his or her separate capacity as an insurance agent. Consequently, the advice rendered to you could be biased. You are under no obligation to implement any insurance or annuity transaction through your SAM investment adviser representative.

### **Leveraged Loan Business**

In 2022, R. Seelaus & Co., Inc., the ultimate parent holding company for SAM, and Stone Point Capital, LLC, partnered to create Seelaus Financial, LLC (Seelaus Finco). It is a leveraged finance platform capable of underwriting, structuring, arranging and distributing leveraged loans on a committed and best efforts basis. If you so choose, this affiliate of SAM may be engaged by institutional clients to provide underwriting and associated services. The fees for these services may be higher or lower than those charged by other leveraged loan businesses. You are under no obligation to use the services of Seelaus Financial, LLC.

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

SAM has established a mandatory Code of Ethics ("COE") within its Compliance framework for all supervised persons to follow. The COE requires employees to carry out their responsibilities with a high standard of business conduct and

fiduciary duty to its clients. The COE includes provisions relating to, the oversight of employee personal trading activities regarding the preclearance of trades and the collection of personal account statements, gifts and entertainment given or received, Firm or employee conflicts of interest, and any business activities outside of SAM. Clients or prospective clients may request a copy of the firm's COE by contacting SAM through Investor Relations at [ir@seelausam.com](mailto:ir@seelausam.com).

## **Restructuring Transactions**

SAM has two employees who may utilize their employment with RSCO to assist in executing MBS bond- restructuring transactions. These specific transactions may generate revenue for RSCO and SAM employees in their capacity with RSCO. This creates a potential conflict of interest. These bond-restructuring transactions are generally limited to; new issue CMOs, RE-REMICS and MACR and other Exchange Class exchanges (all mortgage backed securities or "MBS"). RSCO would take an economic interest in an MBS bond, from this bond a restructuring would occur to create two or more new bonds, where the new bonds equal the sum or great than the sum of the original bond. The pricing used for one of the component bonds has an effect on the pricing of the other component bonds.

RSCO would work with a third- party Broker Dealer who has an open shelf with a government-sponsored enterprise ("GSE") (e.g., Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac or Ginnie Mae) to facilitate the transactions. The third-party Broker Dealer will ultimately take ownership of the base bond, execute the restructuring and deliver to RSCO and/or SAM client's custodians the new bonds. These transactions occur when SAM identifies a security that once restructured, one or more of the new bonds are deemed suitable investments for SAM clients. When one of the new bonds created is not a suitable investment for SAM clients, RSCO will sell the bonds to a non-SAM client. Identifying and executing these transactions assists SAM in purchasing suitable bonds for SAM clients that are otherwise unavailable in the market.

SAM's Policies and Procedures permit personal trading by employees, provided that transactions are pre-cleared in advance and copies of personal brokerage statements are sent to the Compliance Department. The Compliance department utilizes the MyComplianceOffice (MCO) software for entering trade pre-clearances and for monitoring employee transactions on a daily basis. MCO provides feeds of employee and employee related account data and transactions from custodians. If a feed is unavailable from a custodian, the employee is required to upload a statement monthly to MCO for review. It is the employee's responsibility to ensure that the CCO receives all personal account brokerage statements, confirmations, and / or trade advices in a timely manner and for the pre-clearance of personal account trades.

All outside personal brokerage accounts must be approved by the CCO, or qualified designee, in advance of opening accounts (for a new account) or upon hire if the employee held a pre-existing personal account relationship.

Employees are prohibited from purchasing, selling or recommending the purchase or sale of a security for any account while they are in possession of material non-public information. If any employee comes into possession of any material inside information, they are obligated to bring such information to the attention of the CEO and/or CCO.

## **Item 12 Brokerage Practices**

As part of its fiduciary duty to clients, SAM has an obligation to seek the best execution of client transactions when SAM is in a position to direct brokerage transactions. While not defined by statute or regulation, "best execution" generally means the execution of client trades at the best net price considering all relevant circumstances. SAM will seek best execution with respect to all types of client transactions, including: equities, fixed income, options, futures and any other types of transactions that may be made on behalf of clients.

### **Directed Brokerage.**

SAM does not accept client directed brokerage arrangements.

## **Allocation of Investment Opportunities.**

SAM has a fiduciary duty to act in the best interests of its clients, which includes allocating investment opportunities in a fair and equitable manner. SAM must not favor one client over another. In general, the following is taken into consideration for any given client, as applicable:

- Available capital
- Geographic location and/or target market
- Investment guidelines of the respective client
- Risk profile
- Leverage requirements/limitations
- Capital expenditure requirements
- Yield requirements

SAM offers several different investment strategies to clients, with each strategy having its own allocation process as described below.

### **MBS:**

Allocating MBS into client accounts is a matching process involving both qualitative and quantitative consideration factors. Discretion is used to evaluate whether any security, if added to a client's account, would create an undesirable portfolio allocation. Concentration risk, available cash/limited cash and risk profiles are closely considered prior to allocation of securities.

Taking into account these considerations, the following allocation methodology is utilized. Client accounts are checked for matches to a security and if appropriate, allocations are made pro-rata to accounts. If no client account matches are found, allocation will go to accounts with >20% cash balances.

Exceptions: From time to time, there may be a specific need within an account which is unique compared to the other accounts. When we are able to purchase a bond that meets that specific need, separate documentation will be made describing the reasoning, etc. The PM will maintain copies of the separate documentation.

### **Municipals**

Allocating purchased municipal bonds is a matching process that involves the consideration of a variety of factors to make sure that bonds are placed in appropriate portfolios. The municipal bond market is quite large and diverse with a variety of sectors, issuers, coupons, maturities, call features and credit ratings. Clients are diverse in their objectives, risk tolerance and state residences. Allocating purchased municipal bonds involves a careful assessment of matching the specific characteristics of each bond with the specific needs of each client portfolio.

Portfolios with a larger percentage of existing cash to total portfolio value tend to be allocated bonds before those portfolios with smaller percentages. Portfolios with larger cash to portfolio value percentages often require multiple bond blocks to get fully invested. The number of blocks needed to invest cash fully factors into allocation decisions, i.e. those portfolios with multiple blocks needed tend to be allocated first.

When allocating purchased municipal bonds to portfolios, SAM considers how long cash has been working in a money market fund awaiting investment. Portfolios that have had cash awaiting investment for the longest period tend to be allocated first.

Each bond purchase for each client portfolio is viewed from the perspective of the portfolio as a whole. How a new bond

added into any portfolio would meet client objectives and blend in with the existing portfolio from the perspective of maturity, duration, coupon, credit rating, state, sector, bond structure, etc. are contemplated. Should there be an exception and the process described require a deviation, the circumstances and approval will be documented by the CCO who will maintain separate documentation copies.

### **Equities**

When the Portfolio Manager identifies a company, whose shares represent an attractive investment, they identify the accounts it would fit based upon the risk profile and other characteristics such as amount of leverage or whether it pays a dividend. The Portfolio Manager also looks at the current cash in prospective client accounts to determine if a sale is needed to create cash and if so doing would create a capital gain for taxable accounts. After that analysis, the Portfolio Manager determines the number of shares the Firm wants to buy. Generally speaking, all the companies SAM invests in have the liquidity such that a purchase or sale can happen without disturbing the market and promoting best execution. For less liquid names and issues, it sometimes requires buying the securities over a day or two. When that happens, SAM will split the order over those days and sometimes will execute partial positions and look to execute the other part of the trade in ensuing days. The allocation of what SAM wants to buy or sell is determined before the order is entered and orders are bunched to get best execution and so that certain accounts do not benefit over others.

### **Equity Short Sales**

When SAM researches companies that appear to be selling at low relative valuations, sometimes a Portfolio Manager uncovers companies whose fundamentals do not warrant purchase and whose shares could fall further. SAM then looks to see if the shares have options available which would allow the Firm to construct a stop loss by buying calls and sometimes reducing that expense by simultaneously selling puts. This limits and / or collars the risk of significant loss should the shares rise. SAM judges whether the options are attractively priced such that the firm can ensure that it would not lose more than 10% should a short sale go against the Firm.

Only those accounts which permit SAM to sell short securities are considered and based upon the cash and risk levels of the portfolios being reviewed, a determination is made as to how many shares to short. Then SAM would see if a locate was available from any brokers on the Firm's approved broker list, and would get that locate confirmed before entering the short sale order. To reduce the market risk of the underlying portfolios, SAM sometimes will also short specific ETFs. This will enable the Firm to protect against a fall in certain sectors of the market, or enable the Firm to capitalize on perceived over valuation and risk associated with certain sectors. When SAM shorts sector ETFs, the Firm may or may not use options to reduce the risk of said short.

### **IPOs**

SAM does not generally participate in IPOs. However, in the event SAM does, it will seek to allocate IPOs in a manner that is fair to all Clients and/or Investors. For each IPO in which Client or Private Fund accounts seek to participate, the Portfolio Manager will prepare a written pre allocation prior to SAM submitting an indication of interest. The Portfolio Manager will seek to establish a pre allocation that is fair in light of each account's size, diversification, cash availability, eligibility to participate (per FINRA Rules 5130 and 5131), investment objectives, and any other relevant factors. Any deviations from that will require written approval by the CCO.

### **Trade Errors.**

The utmost care must be taken in making and implementing investment decisions on behalf of Client accounts. SAM defines the scope of a trade error as anything within the life cycle of a trade that was within the firm's control that does not go as SAM intended. SAM resolves to remediate errors in a timely manner with our clients' and investors' best interests as a primary objective in the resolution process.

### **Trade Error resolution for Separate Accounts**

Separate Account trades are reconciled T+1 by the Head of Operations or her designee using SAM's internal trade blotter and Custodian data feeds. If a trade error is discovered during reconciliation, immediate steps are taken to determine the scope and nature of the discrepancy. Our policy is to identify and correct any errors as promptly as possible and in the best interest of the affected clients. If SAM is responsible for the error, the firm will be responsible for any client loss resulting from an inaccurate or erroneous order. If the error is outside SAM's control, the Firm will make the clients whole for the error and will advocate for corrective action with the responsible counterparty. Should the error result in a gain, the Separate Account would be the beneficiary.

### **Trade Error resolution for Private Funds**

All fund trades are reconciled on T+1 by the Head of Operations or her designee using SAM's internal trade blotter and the Prime Broker's record. If a trade error is discovered during reconciliation, immediate steps are taken to determine the scope and nature of the discrepancy. Our policy is to identify and correct any errors as promptly as possible and in the best interest of the investors within the fund. If SAM is responsible for the error, the firm will be responsible for any loss with the affected private fund resulting from an inaccurate or erroneous order. If the error is outside SAM's control, the Firm will make the funds whole for the error and will advocate for corrective action with the responsible counterparty. Should the error result in a gain, SAM's private funds would be the beneficiary.

### **Item 13 Review of Accounts**

Client accounts are reviewed periodically. Clients are encouraged to communicate any changes in their financial situation that may have an impact on their portfolio investment objectives. Reviews directly with clients are provided on a requested basis.

Internally, client accounts are reviewed regularly on a sample basis. The review will include (but is not limited to) the following:

1. Account performance
2. Suitability of investments compared with stated investment objectives
3. Trading and rebalancing activity
4. Contribution and withdrawal activity
5. Changes in account profile
6. Review of the Investment Advisory Contract ("IAC")
7. Review of any standing instructions

Reviews are conducted by approved reviewers (CIO, CEO, CCO) and are further discussed with each relevant representative and signed off by our CCO.

Account reviews may also be triggered by market events, rebalancing of securities positions, and/or a change in a client's financial situation, or by client request.

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

SAM does not receive an economic benefit from investment advice or other advisory services provided to clients by outside firms.

SAM has entered into third party solicitor's agreements. Solicitors will perform their responsibilities in accordance with the instructions of SAM and the Investment Advisers Act and the rules thereunder including Rule 206(4)-3. RSCO and its registered representatives also refer individuals to SAM and can be compensated for those referrals.

### **Item 15 Custody**

Under government regulations, SAM is deemed to have custody of client assets if a client authorizes us to instruct any custodian to deduct our advisory fees directly from your account. In limited cases, SAM is also deemed to have custody over accounts with standing letters of authorization ("SLOAs") on file. However, SAM closely monitors those accounts to ensure proper processing of all SLOAs, including title matching between the distributing and recipient accounts and that no recipient accounts have the same address of SAM or an affiliated entity. The custodian on your account maintains physical custody of your assets. Clients will receive account statements directly from their designated custodian at least quarterly at the email address or postal mailing address provided to the custodian. Clients should carefully review those statements promptly upon receipt. SAM urges all clients to compare custodian statements to the periodic account statements/portfolio reviews received from us. SAM has a reasonable basis to believe Clients receive these statements from their respective designated custodians. If you are not receiving custodial statements, please contact SAM.

SAM is also deemed to have custody of client assets through our role as General Partner and/or adviser to the SAM Private Funds. The funds are independently audited by a Public Company Accounting Oversight Board ("PCAOB") registered and inspected auditor in accordance with U.S. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards on an annual basis and investors will receive audited fund financial statements prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP within 120 days of the fund's fiscal year end. The custodian of the funds maintains physical custody of the assets. Clients will receive account statements directly from the administrator or custodian on a quarterly basis.

### **Item 16 Investment Discretion**

SAM typically accepts discretionary authority to manage investment accounts on behalf of clients. Discretion is exercised within the scope of the client's investment objectives and is consistent with the agreed upon strategy in place. Before accepting investment discretion, SAM requests that clients execute appropriate legal documentation that authorizes the Firm to have discretion in the purchase and sale of securities but restricts cash withdrawals to those requested on behalf of the client and with regard to payment of quarterly investment advisory fees.

Investment discretion is not mandatory and clients may execute their wishes regarding non-discretionary arrangements on their individual Investment Advisory Contracts. In the event that discretion is not granted, investment adviser representatives must obtain approval to engage in trading activities on behalf of a client's account.

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

As noted in SAM's investment advisory contracts, SAM does not vote proxies in Separate Accounts. With respect to private funds, given the relative position size the Fund would take at any given time, the cost of voting proxies would outweigh the benefit to the investors. Therefore, in the best interest of the investors, SAM does not vote proxies within the private funds.

Clients may obtain information from SAM regarding its proxy voting policies and procedures by contacting the CCO at 212-935-0755.

SAM does not participate in class actions. Should SAM become aware of an appropriate settlement related to its prior or current securities holdings, it will use best efforts to collect settlement proceeds on behalf of its clients and investors.

## **Item 18 Financial Information**

SAM does not require or solicit prepayment of more than \$1,200 in fees per client, six months or more in advance.

The Firm does not have any financial commitment that would impair its ability to fulfill contractual and fiduciary commitments to clients.

Neither SAM nor any of its Principals have been the subject of a bankruptcy petition at any time in the past ten years.

Item 19 Privacy Disclosure Document

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FACTS		WHAT DOES SEELAUS ASSET MANAGEMENT, LLC DO WITH YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION?	
Why?	Financial companies choose how they share your personal information. Federal law gives consumers the right to limit some but not all sharing. Federal law also requires us to tell you how we collect, share, and protect your personal information. Please read this notice carefully to understand what we do.		
What?	<p>The types of personal information we collect and share depend on the product or service you have with us. This information can include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Social Security number and Age and Assets</li> <li>■ Name and Address and Risk Tolerance</li> <li>■ Income and Tax Bracket and Wire Instructions</li> </ul>		
How?	All financial companies need to share customer personal information to run their everyday business. In the section below, we list the reasons financial companies can share their customer personal information; the reasons Seelaus Asset Management, LLC chooses to share; and whether you can limit this sharing.		
Reasons we can share your personal information		Does Seelaus Asset Mgmt. share?	Can you limit this sharing?
For our everyday business purposes—such as to process your transactions, maintain your account(s), respond to court orders and legal investigations, or report to credit bureaus		Yes	No
For our marketing purposes—to offer our products and services to you		Yes	Yes
For joint marketing with other financial companies		No	No
For our affiliates' everyday business purposes—information about your transactions and experiences		No	No
For our affiliates' everyday business purposes—information about your creditworthiness		No	No
For nonaffiliates to market to you		No	No
To limit our sharing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Call 212-935-0755 —our menu will prompt you through your choice(s) or</li> <li>■ Visit us online: <a href="http://www.rseelaus.com">www.rseelaus.com</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Please note:</b></p> <p>If you are a <i>new</i> customer, we can begin sharing your information 1 days from the date we sent this notice. When you are <i>no longer</i> our customer, we continue to share your information as described in this notice.</p> <p>However, you can contact us at any time to limit our sharing.</p>		
Questions?	Call 212-935-0755 or go to <a href="http://www.rseelaus.com">www.rseelaus.com</a>		



Who we are	
Who is providing this notice?	Seelaus Asset Management, LLC -- Compliance Department
What we do	
How does Seelaus Asset Management, protect my personal information?	To protect your personal information from unauthorized access and use, we use security measures that comply with federal law. These measures include computer safeguards and secured files and buildings.  In addition, the Firm limits information to only those persons who have a need to perform the services which are requested.
How does Seelaus Asset Management collect my personal information?	We collect your personal information, for example, when you <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Open an account or Have a life-changing event</li> <li>■ When we discuss matters or As requested by the client</li> <li>■ Periodically when we inquire if the account information is current</li> </ul>
Why can't I limit all sharing?	Federal law gives you the right to limit only <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ sharing for affiliates' everyday business purposes—information about your creditworthiness</li> <li>■ affiliates from using your information to market to you</li> <li>■ sharing for nonaffiliates to market to you</li> </ul> State laws and individual companies may give you additional rights to limit sharing.
What happens when I limit sharing for an account I hold jointly with someone else?	Seelaus Asset Management will inquire of the joint account holder to verify that the limitation on sharing applies to them as well.
Definitions	
Affiliates	Companies related by common ownership or control. They can be financial and nonfinancial companies. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <i>Affiliate, U.S. SEC registered BD R. Seelaus &amp; Co., LLC</i></li> <li>■ <i>Affiliate, Insurance affiliate RSC Financial Products, LLC</i></li> <li>■ <i>Affiliate, Leveraged Loan business Seelaus Finco LLC</i></li> </ul> <i>Seelaus Asset Mgmt does not share information with affiliates.</i>
Nonaffiliates	Companies not related by common ownership or control. They can be financial and nonfinancial companies. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <i>Our clearing firm BNY Pershing</i></li> <li>■ <i>Third parties whom we subscribe to their systems to fulfill the activities on your account (e.g. order entry systems)</i></li> </ul>
Joint marketing	A formal agreement between nonaffiliated financial companies that together market financial products or services to you. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <i>We do not share information with non-affiliated financial companies.</i></li> </ul>
Other Important Information	
Thank you for the privilege of servicing your financial needs. Should you have any questions regarding this notice, please do not hesitate to call us at 212-935-0755 or via USPS mail at 26 Main Street, Suite 304, Chatham, NJ 07928.	