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## Item 2 Material Changes

Item 2 discusses only material changes to the Brochure since the last annual updating amendment on January 26, 2021.

This Brochure includes the following material changes:

- Item 4 and Item 13 are amended to reflect change in Port Capital ownership and personnel.

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## Item 4 Advisory Business

### A. Business Commencement Date

Port Capital LLC (“Port Capital”, the “Firm”, “we”, “our” or “us”) was founded in March 2015.

### B. Ownership

Brien M. O’Brien is the principal shareholder (i.e., shareholder controlling 25% or more of Port Capital).

### C. Investment Services

#### Clients in Separately Managed Accounts

Pursuant to an investment management agreement (the “Advisory Agreement”), Port Capital provides continuous advice to Clients (defined below) in separately managed accounts (“SMAs”) regarding the investment of Client funds based on the individual needs of the Client. We manage investments with discretionary or non-discretionary authority on behalf of Clients. Account supervision is guided by the Client’s stated objectives (e.g., capital appreciation, growth, income, etc.), as well as tax considerations.

Clients may impose guidelines or restrictions on investing in certain securities, types of securities, or industry sectors.

Once a Client portfolio is established, the account is reviewed at least quarterly and, if necessary, the portfolio is rebalanced based on the Client’s individual needs.

Port Capital’s investment recommendations are limited to specific products or services offered by broker/dealers and/or issuers, and will generally include consideration of the following types of securities:

- Exchange-listed securities (stocks, mutual funds, ETFs)
- Corporate Bonds
- Municipal Bonds
- U.S. Government-issued bonds
- Private Limited Partnerships

Because some types of investments involve certain additional degrees of risk, they generally only will be recommended when consistent with the Client’s stated investment objectives, tolerance for risk, liquidity and suitability.

#### Private Funds

Port Capital also serves as investment adviser to and general partner of certain private investment funds (individually a “Fund” and collectively, the “Funds;” as the context may require, Funds and SMAs may be referred to collectively as Port Capital’s “Clients”). The Funds offer interests (“Interests”) to certain qualified investors as described in response to Item 7, below (such investors are referred to herein as “Investors”).

The Funds are managed in accordance with the terms, objectives and strategies described in their respective offering memorandum, limited partnership agreement and subscription agreement (the “Offering Documents”).

D. Wrap Fee Programs

Port Capital does not participate in any wrap fee programs.

E. Assets Under Management

As of December 31, 2020, Port Capital has approximately \$1.849 billion of assets under management on a discretionary basis and approximately \$104 million of assets under management on a non-discretionary basis.

Item 5 Fees and Compensation

SMAs

Fees are calculated quarterly based on the total market value of assets under management, as determined as of the close of business of each calendar quarter and billed in arrears. In the event of significant cash flows within an account during a quarter (10% or greater), fees will be adjusted accordingly. Following is the stated fee schedule:

**Equity Portfolios**

<i>Asset Level</i>	<i>Annual Fee</i>
First \$15,000,000	1.00%
Assets over \$15,000,000	0.80%

**Fixed Income and Yield-Oriented Portfolios**

<i>Asset Level</i>	<i>Annual Fee</i>
All Assets	0.50%

In certain circumstances, Port Capital may create customized fee schedules and also in certain circumstances, some Clients may negotiate different fees, billing formats and/or time frames. Exceptions to the general fee schedule may be made under certain circumstances depending upon the exact nature of the services to be performed or responsibilities assumed by Port Capital. For example, Port Capital may negotiate fees where a Client is seeking to invest a substantial amount.

Port Capital will bill its Clients based upon the Client’s preferred billing method. However, in most cases, Port Capital will generate an invoice quarterly in arrears and submit the invoice to the Client or the Client’s designated agent for payment. In some cases, Clients may elect to have Port Capital deduct management fees from their custodial accounts electronically. If that election is made, Port Capital will deliver an informational copy directly to the Client or their designated agent.

It should be noted that Port Capital’s fees are exclusive of brokerage commissions, transactions fees and/or other related costs and expenses which may be incurred by the Client. Clients may also incur charges imposed by custodians, brokers and/or other third parties, such as: custodial fees, transfer taxes, wire transfer and electronic fund fees. With respect to mutual funds, exchange traded funds and

other collective investment vehicles in Client accounts, Port Capital's fees are in addition to advisory fees which may be charged by such mutual funds and collective investment vehicles as per the fund's prospectus. Furthermore, it should be noted that Port Capital does not receive any portion of such charges, fees and/or commissions.

The Advisory Agreement may be canceled at any time, by either party, for any reason upon thirty (30) days' written notice to the non-terminating party.

### The Funds

With respect to the Funds, Port Capital receives an asset-based management fee calculated as a percentage of each Investor's capital account, payable monthly in arrears. The management fee is typically 0.0792% per month, approximately 0.95% annually. The management fee is debited from each Investor's capital account.

The Funds' organizational costs and expenses, together with offering costs and expenses incurred in connection with the initial offer and sale of Interests as of the initial closings were borne by Port Capital. Port Capital will not be reimbursed by the Funds for those costs.

The Funds are responsible for their direct operational costs and expenses, which are expected to consist primarily of: (i) management fees (discussed above); (ii) costs and expenses incurred by Port Capital in connection with investigating investment opportunities for the Funds and reviewing the continuing suitability of the Funds' investments in light of their investment objectives; (iii) costs and expenses incurred in connection with the investment and reinvestment of the Funds' assets, including brokerage commissions, dealer mark-ups, mark-downs and spreads, and related clearing and settlement charges; (iv) borrowing charges and other costs and expenses associated with short sales; (v) interest expense and loan commitment fees relating to the Funds' borrowings (including margin debt); (vi) administrative, legal, accounting, auditing, record-keeping, tax form preparation, compliance and consulting costs and expenses; fees, costs and expenses of third-party service providers that provide such services; costs and expenses associated with preparing investor communications; and printing and mailing costs; (vii) governmental licensing, filing and exemption fees; and (viii) any extraordinary expenses.

Effective February 1, 2021, the Funds will be served by a new third-party fund administrator (the "Administrator.") In conducting its diligence of other administrators, Port Capital found that the market pricing for these services was approximately twice the pricing of the Funds' current administrator. Port Capital will continue to allocate the current cost to the Funds and will be absorbing the remaining cost. This is to ensure that Investors receive a similar expense ratio and that smaller portfolios are not disproportionately burdened. Port Capital may discontinue the cost split in the future, for example as portfolios grow enough to support a higher cost.

Port Capital generally requires Fund Investors wishing to withdraw amounts from their capital accounts thirty (30) days written notice from the last business day of a month.

### Item 6 Performance – Based Fees

Port Capital does not currently charge performance-based fees.

### Item 7 Types of Clients

Port Capital provides advisory services to the following types of Clients:

SMAs:

- High net worth individuals
- Individuals other than high net worth individuals
- Pension and profit-sharing plans
- Charitable organizations
- Corporations or other businesses not listed above

The Funds:

Port Capital intends to restrict the number of Investors in the Funds and will offer Interests only through non-public transactions in order to maintain their exclusion from “investment company” status under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “Investment Company Act”).

Prospective Investors in the Funds must meet eligibility criteria and are subject to certain withdrawal requirements and limitations. Prospective Investors are encouraged to thoroughly review a Fund’s Offering Documents, which set forth all of the terms in detail. Each Investor generally must be an “accredited investor” (as defined in Regulation D under the Securities Act of 1933) and a “qualified client” (as defined in Rule 205-3, under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended (the “Advisers Act”). The minimum initial investment is \$500,000 subject to waiver at the discretion of Port Capital.

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

SMAs:

Port Capital portfolio managers will perform due diligence analysis on each of the holdings in the equity, fixed income, private investments and other financial instruments that may be used. A review will typically include the following:

1. Review of recent and historical financial statements and regulatory filings of the issuing company;
2. Relative valuation of the securities intended to be purchased versus their peer group or competitive group;
3. Identification of unique or special assets of the issuing company which may not be recognized or valued appropriately by the general market;
4. Ability of the issuing company to meet its obligations to debt holders;
5. Review of an issuing company’s overall financial strength and dominance in its marketplace;
6. Review exposure of the issuing company to currency and global market disruptions; and
7. Quality of the issuing company’s products and barriers to entry that may benefit the company from a competitive viewpoint.

The portfolio managers will conduct this analysis using publicly available information as well as possible meetings with customers or suppliers of the portfolio companies, site visits or other types of due diligence to gain unique insights into a company’s overall financial strength and potential for future growth. The opinions gained and developed during this process may be contrary to prevailing market wisdom at certain times.

Port Capital will typically operate in the domestic U.S. Markets. When non-U.S. securities are used in a Client's portfolio they will generally be owned through limited partnerships, exchange traded funds or mutual funds.

Where limited partnerships, exchange traded funds, or mutual funds are used, Port Capital will analyze each of the above factors where relevant and may perform additional analysis on those funds' custodial arrangements, fee structures, the fund managers' ability to have historically executed on the strategy being employed and the likelihood of the strategy employed being successful in the future.

In certain incidences, Port Capital may use options or futures in a limited basis to control overall portfolio risk or to maintain or increase a portfolios' exposure to a certain market where it is felt that the options or derivatives markets provide a more efficient method of managing an intended risk exposure for a portfolio. The use of such securities will be limited, however, and will not comprise a majority of the Client's portfolio exposure.

Client portfolios generally will not employ leverage except in the case where Client cash flow needs necessitate the short-term use of leverage. However, certain funds in which Client accounts are invested and companies in which those funds are invested, may utilize leverage as part of their normal business operations and Port Capital will analyze that risk and make judgements on that risk on a case by case basis.

Strategies that will be employed for Port Capital Clients include the following:

1. Large Cap Equities;
2. Small – Mid cap equities;
3. Balanced Portfolios;
4. Fixed income management; and
5. Customized portfolio strategies developed to meet a unique or specific Client need.

#### The Funds:

Prospective Investors in the Funds should consult their respective Offering Documents for their specific objectives and strategy information. Generally, the funds seek capital appreciation over the long term. Certain Funds may invest in a concentrated number of businesses deemed exemplary by Port Capital.

Currently, the five Funds invest in the common stock of publicly-traded companies. Two such Funds seek companies trading at a price that reflects a significant discount to Port Capital's fundamental appraisal of long-term intrinsic value. Two other Funds seeks similar opportunities but invests primarily in small capitalization companies. A fifth Fund is an equal-weighted index fund that invests equally in companies across the S&P 500 Index. The Funds' investment processes focus on three distinct, analytical assessments:

- First, these Funds will seek to invest in businesses and companies with distinct barriers to entry, strong competitive advantages, pricing power, and repeatable and consistent business operations.

- Second, these Funds intend to focus on companies whose managers exhibit exceptional integrity and who think, act, and behave as owners while treating shareholders as equals – and partners – in all interactions.
- Lastly, these Funds will seek to thoroughly analyze and assess the capital allocation decisions made by a company’s managers, with a focus on finding managers who possess a proven track record for value creation through: (i) return on invested capital, (ii) growth in tangible book value, and (iii) free cash flow per share metrics.

Port Capital expects that companies consistent with these disciplines and investment processes will possess strong balance sheets, modest leverage and a focus on “owners’ earnings.” Port Capital assesses owners’ earnings by analyses of all draws on the company’s cash flow, including maintenance and growth capital expenditures, tax and pension liabilities, and management compensation to assess the business’s true underlying and distributable free cash flow.

The Funds’ investment activities have certain risks, which are summarized below. Prospective Investors should thoroughly review the relevant Funds’ Offering Documents, particularly the risk factors, before making an investment.

**General.** All investments in securities and other financial instruments involve substantial risk of volatility (potentially resulting in rapid declines in market prices and significant losses) arising from any number of factors that are beyond the control of Port Capital, such as: changing market sentiment; changes in industrial conditions, competition and technology; changes in inflation, exchange or interest rates; changing domestic or international economic or political conditions or events; changes in tax laws and governmental regulation; and changes in trade, fiscal, monetary or exchange control programs or policies of governments or their agencies (including their central banks). Changes such as these, as well as innumerable other factors, are often unpredictable and unforeseeable, rendering it difficult or impossible to predict or foresee future market movements. Unexpected volatility or illiquidity in the markets in which the Funds hold positions could impair their ability to achieve their objective and cause it to incur losses.

Although Port Capital believes that the Funds’ investment program should mitigate the risk of loss through a careful selection and monitoring of investments, an investment in the Funds is nevertheless subject to loss, including possible loss of the entire amount invested. No guarantee or representation is made that the Funds will be successful, and the Funds’ investment results may vary substantially over time.

The business of investing in securities is highly competitive and the identification of attractive investment opportunities is difficult and involves a high degree of uncertainty.

**Long Positions.** The success of the long positions established for the Funds by Port Capital will depend in large part on its ability to accurately assess the fundamental value of those positions. An accurate assessment of fundamental value depends on a complex analysis of a number of financial and legal factors. No assurance can be given that Port Capital will be in a position to assess the nature and magnitude of all material factors having a bearing on

the value of the Funds' long positions, or that Port Capital will accurately assess the impact of all factors of which it is aware.

***Small- and Mid-Cap Securities.*** Securities of small-cap and mid-cap companies (generally those that have a total market capitalization between \$100 million and \$10 billion) commonly trade in lower volumes than those of larger companies. Investment in small-cap and mid-cap companies may involve more liquidity risk than investing in larger, more established companies. Small-cap and mid-cap companies may have limited product lines or markets, and may be less financially secure than larger, more established companies and may depend on a small number of key personnel to remain profitable. Additionally, securities of small-cap and mid-cap companies have historically displayed more volatility than the overall equity market. The Funds' investments in small-cap and mid-cap stocks may make it more volatile than would otherwise be the case.

***Large-Cap Securities.*** Investments in large-capitalization companies are not risk free. The Funds' investments in large-capitalization companies may lose value. Additionally, the Funds' investment returns from large-capitalization stocks may trail returns from the overall stock market from time to time. Large-cap stocks may experience periods of outperformance or underperformance as compared to other segments of the stock market or the stock market in general. These periods may last for as long as several years.

***Restricted Securities.*** Port Capital has discretion to purchase securities in private placements – i.e., offerings that are not registered under the Securities Act in reliance on the exemption from registration in Reg. D under the Securities Act. Securities purchased in private placements are generally described as “restricted,” because they cannot be resold unless they are subsequently registered or an exemption from registration is available, such as under SEC Rule 144. Such securities are often illiquid and are also difficult to value. Port Capital has complete discretion as to how to value the Funds' restricted securities and may have an incentive to overvalue them to increase its income.

***Trading in Non-U.S. Companies and Markets.*** The Funds may invest in non-U.S. companies and/or trade in non-U.S. markets.

Trading in the securities of a non-U.S. company may involve certain considerations not usually associated with trading in securities of U.S. companies, such as risks of expropriation and nationalization of the company's assets; confiscatory taxation of the company's income or the imposition of confiscatory withholding or other taxes on dividends, interest, capital gains or other income in respect of the company's securities; difficulties encountered by the company in enforcing its contracts; restrictions on repatriation of the company's funds or other assets; general social, political and economic uncertainty and instability; adverse diplomatic developments; the small size of some markets in foreign countries and the low volume of trading, resulting in potential lack of liquidity and in price volatility; fluctuations in the rate of exchange between currencies and costs associated with currency conversion; and governmental policies that may restrict or damage economic growth and investment opportunities. In addition, disclosure, accounting and reporting standards that prevail in foreign countries may not be equivalent to United

States standards and, consequently, less information may be available to investors in companies located in foreign countries than is available to investors in companies located in the United States.

Transactions executed in financial markets outside the United States generally are not subject to regulation or supervision by U.S. regulatory authorities, and, in many cases, financial markets outside the U.S. are subject to less regulation than U.S. financial markets. For example, some foreign exchanges, in contrast to domestic exchanges, are “principals’ markets” in which performance is the responsibility only of the individual member with whom the trader has entered into a contract and not of an exchange or clearing corporation. In such a case, an investor is subject to the risk of the inability of, or refusal by, the counterparty to perform with respect to such contracts. Transactions in financial markets outside the United States may also involve greater transaction and custody costs and greater delays in the settlement of transactions.

**“Uninvested” Capital.** Port Capital may from time to time invest Fund assets in high quality short-term instruments such as U.S. Treasury securities and shares of “money market” mutual funds because suitable investments for the Funds are not then available. It is not possible to determine or even estimate the degree to which the Funds’ assets will be “uninvested” from time to time, but the percentage of Fund assets invested in short-term instruments may be high from time to time. Such periods of “uninvestment” are likely to have a negative impact on the Funds’ rates of return.

**Illiquid Investments.** Despite the generally heavy volume of trading in most of the instruments traded by the Funds, the markets for some of those instruments may have limited liquidity and depth. This lack of depth could be a disadvantage to the Funds, both in the realization of the prices which are quoted and in the execution of orders at desired prices.

**Hedging Techniques.** From time to time in its sole discretion, Port Capital may employ various hedging techniques in an attempt to reduce certain potential risks to which the Funds’ portfolio may be exposed. These hedging techniques may involve the use of derivative instruments.

#### Item 9 Disciplinary Information

Registered investment advisers are required to disclose any legal or disciplinary events that are material to a Client’s or prospective Client’s evaluation of its advisory business or the integrity of its management. Port Capital and its management personnel have no reportable disciplinary events to disclose.

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

Port Capital is not engaged in other financial industry activities and has no affiliations with other financial firms or persons.

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

Port Capital has adopted a Code of Ethics, which sets forth high ethical standards of business conduct that are required of its employees, including compliance with all applicable federal securities laws. All employees of Port Capital are required to acknowledge the terms of the Code of Ethics upon hire and annually thereafter.

A copy of Port Capital's Code of Ethics is available to any Client or prospective Client upon request by contacting Port Capital at 312.788.2400.

Contents of the Code of Ethics include:

- Standards of Conduct;
- Policies for insider trading;
- Policies for employees' personal securities transactions;
- Policies on gifts, entertainment & contributions;
- Confidentiality policies.

In some circumstances, Port Capital, employees of Port Capital, their family members and/or individuals associated with Port Capital may be able to buy or sell the same securities for their personal accounts which are identical to those recommended to Clients or that the Clients own, if such transaction is not restricted by Port Capital's policies and procedures. At no time will Port Capital put personal interests before those of its Clients', or intentionally disadvantage Clients when executing trades; and all Client orders will be filled before Port Capital's or its affiliates' orders.

## Item 12 Brokerage Practices

### **Custodianship**

Clients in SMAs must maintain their accounts at a qualified custodian, generally a broker/dealer or bank. Port Capital does not maintain custody of SMA Client accounts (although Port Capital is deemed to have custody of certain Client assets in instances described in *Item 15 Custody*, below). Port Capital can assist in the process of establishing and opening accounts on behalf of SMA Clients.

The Funds' assets are custodied at broker/dealers selected by Port Capital in its sole discretion.

### **Transaction Broker/Dealers**

It is the policy and practice of Port Capital to strive for the best price and execution that are competitive in relation to the value of the transaction. In selecting a broker/dealer, Port Capital will consider such factors that in good faith and judgement it deems reasonable under the circumstances. Factors Port Capital considers include, without limitation, the following:

- Execution ability, including trading experience in markets/securities needed, quality of trading, and clearance and settlement efficiency and accuracy;
- Accuracy and timeliness of order execution, reports and confirmations;
- Costs, including commission rates, ticket charges, other service charges and the means to correct errors in an acceptable manner;
- Customer service, including responsiveness to Port Capital;
- Commitment to technology and security of confidential information;
- Adequacy of capital and financial responsibility; and

- Reputation and integrity.

Port Capital may select as a broker/dealer for Client transactions, broker/dealers that have affiliated entities which have referred or may refer Clients to Port Capital. In such cases, Port Capital may have an incentive to select or recommend a broker-dealer based on its interest in receiving referrals, rather than on the Clients' interest in receiving more favorable execution. Notwithstanding the foregoing, however, Port Capital will only choose such broker/dealers when the execution complies with the principles of best execution. Port Capital has no formal relationships or agreements with any broker/dealer or associated person which requires Port Capital to direct, or which compensates Port Capital for directing any specified level of brokerage/commissions to any broker/dealer.

### **Soft Dollar Considerations**

Port Capital effects transactions with broker-dealers who provide research services (collectively, "soft-dollar items") to Port Capital that assist Port Capital in making investment and trading decisions on behalf of its Clients. The negotiated commissions paid to broker-dealers supplying soft-dollar items may not represent the lowest obtainable commission rates. In any such arrangement, the amount of the commission paid must be reasonable in relation to the value of the brokerage and soft-dollar items provided by the broker-dealer, viewed in terms of either the particular transaction or Port Capital's overall responsibilities with respect to its Clients. Port Capital intends to comply with the soft-dollar "safe harbor" afforded by Section 28(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

When Port Capital uses Client brokerage commissions to obtain soft-dollar items, it receives a benefit because it does not have to produce or pay for such soft-dollar items. However, Port Capital believes that such soft dollar items may provide the Clients with benefits by supplementing the research and services otherwise available to the Clients. In addition, the research and other benefits resulting from a brokerage relationship benefit all Client accounts or Port Capital's operations as a whole, including any Client accounts that direct Port Capital to use a broker that does not provide soft dollar benefits.

Port Capital may have an incentive to select or recommend a broker-dealer based on its interest in receiving the soft-dollar items, rather than on the Client's interest in receiving most favorable execution. Port Capital periodically reviews the execution performance of its brokers to ensure that any potential conflicts of interests are resolved.

In "soft dollar" arrangements, the Client may be charged a brokerage commission in excess of that which another broker might charge for effecting the same transaction if Port Capital determines in good faith that such commission is reasonable in relation to the value of the brokerage, research, other services and soft dollar relationships provided by that broker, viewed in terms of either the specific transaction or Port Capital's overall responsibilities to the portfolios over which Port Capital exercises investment authority.

Soft-dollar items, whether provided directly or indirectly, may be utilized for the benefit of Port Capital's and its affiliates' other accounts. Soft-dollar items are not limited to those Clients who may have generated a particular benefit although certain soft dollar allocations are connected to particular clients or groups of clients. Soft dollar benefits are not proportionally allocated to any accounts that may generate different amounts of the soft dollar benefits. Port Capital may receive soft dollar credits based on principal, as well as agency, securities transactions with brokerage firms.

Within the last fiscal year, Port Capital used "soft-dollars" to receive broker-dealer research reports, company financial data and economic data.

A broker from which Port Capital obtains soft dollar services generally establishes “credits” based on past transactional business (including markups and markdowns on principal transactions), which may be used to pay for specified expenses. In some cases, the process is less formal, and a broker simply may suggest a level of future business that would fully compensate the broker for services or products it provides. Port Capital monitors the soft dollar services provided to ensure that appropriate transactions are executed with a soft dollar provider.

To address the conflicts surrounding soft dollar arrangements, Port Capital has adopted written policies and procedures regarding trading, brokerage selection and soft dollar usage. Port Capital reviews soft dollar arrangements, budget, and brokerage allocations for soft dollar research services and products on a periodic and at least an annual basis.

### **Client-Directed Brokerage**

At times, because of a prior relationship between a Client and one or more broker-dealers we recommend, broker-dealers directed by the client, trust companies, banks etc. (collectively referred to herein as the “Financial Institutions”). Financial Institutions or for other reasons, a Client may instruct us to execute securities transactions for its account with or through one or more Financial Institutions designated by the client. When using a Financial Institution designated by a Client, we do not negotiate the terms and conditions (including, but not limited to, commission rates) relating to services provided by such Financial Institution. We are not responsible for obtaining for that Client from any such Financial Institution the best prices or any particular commission rates for transactions with or through that Financial Institution. That Client may not participate in aggregated security transactions as described below and may trade after such aggregated orders and receive less favorable execution. A Client must promptly inform us in writing if that Client desires that we cease executing transactions through any Financial Institution previously designated by the Client.

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

Port Capital conducts ongoing reviews of its Clients’ accounts. While the underlying securities within the accounts are monitored continually, the accounts are reviewed at least quarterly. Accounts are reviewed in the context of each Client’s stated investment objectives and guidelines. More frequent reviews may be triggered by material changes in variables such as the Client’s individual circumstances or the market/political/economic environment.

Client accounts are reviewed by:

- Brien M. O’Brien, Chairman & CEO
- Tracy E. Rothmeyer, Executive Vice President
- Edward S. Loeb, Partner

In addition to the monthly statements and confirmations of transactions that Clients receive from their custodian, Port Capital will provide reports summarizing account balances and holdings on a quarterly basis.

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

#### **Client Referrals**

Port Capital enters into agreements with third-party marketers who refer Clients to Port Capital. All Client referral agreements will be in writing and comply with the requirements of Rule 206(4)-3 of the Advisers Act. If a Client is introduced to Port Capital by such a solicitor, the compensation is based upon Port Capital's engagement of new Clients and the retention of those Clients and is generally a percentage of the fees paid to Port Capital by such Clients. Any such fee is paid solely from Port Capital's investment management fee and does not result in any additional charge to the Client. Each prospective Client who is referred to Port Capital under such an arrangement will receive a copy of Port Capital's firm Brochure and a separate written disclosure document disclosing the nature of the relationship between the third-party solicitor and Port Capital and the amount of compensation that will be paid by Port Capital to the third party. The solicitor is required to obtain the Client's signature acknowledging receipt of Port Capital's disclosure brochure and the solicitor's written disclosure statement.

Such referral arrangements may provide an incentive for the solicitor to offer Port Capital's services. Clients are encouraged to inquire about specific arrangements between a solicitor and Port Capital, and how such an arrangement may affect his/her interests in the services offered by Port Capital.

### **Other Compensation**

The Prime Broker has agreed to pay for portfolio management and order management software utilized by Port Capital over the next three years, subject to the terms of a Support Services Agreement (the "SSA"). The purpose of this arrangement is to offset Port Capital's share of the Administrator's services (as discussed more fully in Item 5). Port Capital may have an incentive to retain the Prime Broker based on its interest in continuing to use the software rather than on Investors' interests, particularly cost.

In addition, the Administrator and Prime Broker are owned by the same parent company. The SSA provides, among other things, that the Prime Broker may require repayment of the software fees in the event that Port Capital elects to terminate its agreement with the Administrator. Port Capital may have an incentive to retain the Administrator to avoid repaying the software fees rather than on Investors' interests.

To address these conflicts Port Capital has adopted written policies and procedures regarding service provider assessment and engagement. These include initial due diligence and periodic reviews to ensure that service providers are competent, cost effective, and reliable. Methods of review are set forth in the policy and Port Capital retains documentation of its assessments. Port Capital's decisions to retain these providers were made individually and based on their respective overall quality of service and value for the services provided.

### **Item 15 Custody**

As stated in Item 12, Port Capital does not provide custodial services to its SMA Clients. Client assets are held with a qualified custodian – a broker/dealer or bank. Clients should receive a statement of assets and transactions from their custodian at a regular interval (monthly or quarterly) which they should then compare to statements provided to them by Port Capital. Clients should contact us immediately if they believe there is an error in their statement. We urge our Clients to carefully compare the information provided on these statements to ensure that all account transactions, holdings and values are correct and current.

Although Port Capital does not maintain physical possession of Client funds or securities, Port Capital is deemed to have custody of certain Client assets in instances where Port Capital has authority to

withdraw or transfer assets from Client accounts, such as when a Client designates a third-party payee via a standing letter of authorization, or where Port Capital have such similar access or transfer authority with respect to Client assets. Port Capital has retained an independent public accountant to conduct an annual surprise examination of client assets for which Port Capital is deemed to have custody, as required by current SEC regulations and guidance.

The SEC issued a no-action letter (“Letter”) with respect to the Rule 206(4)-2 (“Custody Rule”) under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (“Advisers Act”). The letter provided guidance on the Custody Rule as well as clarified that an adviser who has the power to disburse client funds to a third party under a standing letter of instruction (“SLOA”) is deemed to have custody. As such, Port Capital has adopted the following safeguards in collaboration with the custodian:

- The client provides an instruction to the qualified custodian, in writing, that includes the client’s signature, the third party’s name, and either the third party’s address or the third party’s account number at a custodian to which the transfer should be directed.
- The client authorizes the investment adviser, in writing, either on the qualified custodian’s form or separately, to direct transfers to the third party either on a specified schedule or from time to time.
- The client’s qualified custodian performs appropriate verification of the instruction, such as a signature review or other method to verify the client’s authorization, and provides a transfer of funds notice to the client promptly after each transfer.
- The client has the ability to terminate or change the instruction to the client’s qualified custodian.
- The investment adviser has no authority or ability to designate or change the identity of the third party, the address, or any other information about the third party contained in the client’s instruction.
- The investment adviser maintains records showing that the third party is not a related party of the investment adviser or located at the same address as the investment adviser.
- The client’s qualified custodian sends the client, in writing, an initial notice confirming the instruction and an annual notice reconfirming the instruction.

As to the Funds, a rule under the Advisers Act provides that, because Port Capital is the general partner of the Funds, it is considered to have “custody” of the Funds’ assets, even though independent custodians (Prime Brokers) actually hold those assets. That rule generally requires investment advisers that have “custody” of client assets to cause certain account statements detailing holdings and transactions to be sent to Investors, and imposes certain other obligations. However, in the case of the Funds, Port Capital can satisfy the requirements of the custody rule by, among other things, providing Investors with audited financial statements by a specified time each year. Port Capital satisfies those conditions and therefore is not subject to reporting and other obligations.

#### Item 16 Investment Discretion

Port Capital is typically authorized to invest and trade the Clients’ assets in a broad range of investments, to be selected at Port Capital’s discretion, subject to the guidelines set forth in the Funds’ Offering Documents and/or the SMAs’ Advisory Agreement. Further, Port Capital can enter into any type of investment transaction and employ any investment methodology or strategy it deems appropriate.

Pursuant to the Funds' Offering Documents and SMAs' Advisory Agreement, the Client designates Port Capital as its attorney-in-fact to execute, certify, acknowledge, file, record and swear to all instruments, agreements and documents necessary or advisable to carrying out the Client's business and affairs.

#### Item 17 Voting Client Securities

Port Capital votes proxies for all Client accounts; however, Clients always have the right to vote proxies. Clients can exercise this right by instructing us in writing to not vote proxies in their account(s).

Port Capital votes proxies in the best interests of our Clients and in accordance with our established policies and procedures. Our firm will retain all proxy voting books and records for the requisite period of time, including a copy of each proxy statement received, a record of each vote cast, a copy of any document created by us that was material to making a decision how to vote proxies, and a copy of each written Client request for information on how the adviser voted proxies. If our firm has a conflict of interest in voting a particular action, we will notify the Client of the conflict and retain an independent third party to cast a vote. Clients may obtain a copy of our complete proxy voting policies and procedures by contacting us by telephone, email or in writing. Clients may request, in writing, information on how proxies for its shares were voted.

Port Capital will neither advise nor act on behalf of the Client in legal proceedings involving companies whose securities are held in the Client's account(s), including, but not limited to, the filing of "Proofs of Claim" in class action settlements. If desired, Clients may direct Port Capital to transmit copies of class action notices to the Client or a third party. Upon such direction, Port Capital will make commercially reasonable efforts to forward such notices in a timely manner.

#### Item 18 Financial Information

Port Capital has no additional required financial information to report.

Under no circumstances does Port Capital require or solicit payment of fees in advance of services rendered. Therefore, we are not required to include a financial statement. Port Capital has not been the subject of a bankruptcy petition at any time during the past ten years.