

**CHARTER
OF THE
AUDIT COMMITTEE
OF THE
MORGAN STANLEY RETAIL AND INSTITUTIONAL FUNDS**

**ADOPTED ON JULY 31, 2003
AND
AS AMENDED AND RESTATED ON FEBRUARY 20, 2007
AND
AS FURTHER AMENDED ON FEBRUARY 24, 2009**

The Boards of Directors/Trustees (collectively, the “Board”) of the investment companies (each a “Fund” and collectively, the “Funds”) advised or managed by Morgan Stanley Investment Advisors Inc., Morgan Stanley Investment Management Inc. and Morgan Stanley AIP GP LP (collectively the “Adviser”) listed on the attached Exhibit A has adopted and approved this charter for the audit committee of the Board (the “Audit Committee”).¹

1. Structure And Membership of the Audit Committee

1.01. Independent Directors and Trustees

Each member of the Audit Committee shall be an independent director or trustee. A person shall be considered to be independent if he or she: (a) is independent as defined in New York Stock Exchange Listed Company Standard 303.01 (2) and (3); (b) is not an “interested person” as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the Investment Company Act of 1940; and (c) does not accept, directly or indirectly, any consulting, advisory or other compensatory fee from any of the Funds or their investment advisor or any affiliated person of the advisor, other than fees from the Funds for serving as a member of the Board or Committees of the Board.

The Audit Committee shall consist of not less than two members of the Board.

The Audit Committee shall have a Chairperson. The Chairperson or his/her designee shall set the agenda for, and preside at, each meeting of the Audit Committee and shall engage in such other activities on behalf of the Audit Committee as shall be determined from time to time by the Audit Committee.

The Chairperson and members of the Audit Committee shall be appointed by the Governance Committee of the Funds in consultation with the Board.

1.02. Financially Literate

Each member of the Audit Committee shall be “financially literate,” as such term is interpreted by the Board in its business judgment.

1.03. Audit Committee Financial Expert

¹ Solely for the sake of clarity and simplicity, this Charter has been drafted as if there is a single Committee and a single Board. The terms “Committee,” “Directors/Trustees” and “Board” mean the Committee, Directors/Trustees and the Board of each Fund, respectively, unless the context otherwise requires. The Committee, Directors/Trustees and the Board of each Fund, however, shall act separately and in the best interests of its respective Fund.

The Audit Committee shall determine whether at least one member of the Audit Committee is an “audit committee financial expert,” as that term is defined in the General Instructions of Form N-SAR, sub-item 102P3(b)(6).

2. Auditor Independence

An independent public accounting firm may serve as a Fund’s auditor (the “Auditor”) only if it complies with all of the independence requirements set forth in Regulation S-X under the Securities Act of 1933 and the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board’s (“PCAOB”) Ethics and Independence Rule 3526, subject to such exceptions, not prohibited by law, as the Audit Committee may allow. The Auditor shall: (i) at least annually, submit to the Audit Committee a certification of its independence, delineating all relationships between the Auditor and the Fund, consistent with Rule 2-01 of Regulation S-X under the Securities Act of 1933 and the PCAOB’s Ethics and Independence Rule 3526, and (ii) actively engage in a dialogue with the Audit Committee with respect to any disclosed relationships or services that may affect the objectivity and independence of such independent accountants, including relationships with or services provided to the Fund’s other service providers.

3. Registration with PCAOB

The Auditor must be registered with the PCAOB.

4. Regulatory Action

Promptly upon initiation against it of any inquiry or investigation by a governmental authority the Auditor shall provide information to the Audit Committee regarding any material issues raised in such inquiry or investigation and any steps taken to deal with them.

5. Duties and Powers of Audit Committee

5.01. The Audit Committee shall have the duty and power to:

- make recommendations to the Board regarding selection of the Auditor;
- oversee and evaluate the work of the Auditor;
- require the Auditor to report directly to the Audit Committee;
- determine the compensation of the Auditor for audit and non-audit services provided to the Funds and decide whether to continue to retain the services of the Auditor or to terminate them;
- pre-approve all audit, non-audit and attest services provided to the Funds and any non-audit services provided to the investment adviser of the Funds or to any other entity in the Fund Complex as required by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (the “SOX Act”) and rules promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) under the SOX Act, or establish policies and procedures pursuant to which any of such services is pre-approved (which are attached hereto as Appendix B); provided that such policies and procedures are detailed as to the particular service and do not delegate any of the Audit Committee’s responsibilities to management but may delegate pre-approval authority to one or more of its members (except with respect to the annual audit

of each Fund required by the Securities Exchange Act of 1934); and provided further, that pre-approval of services may be waived pursuant to a de minimis exception allowed by SEC rules, as construed by the Board's independent counsel;

- consider whether any services rendered by the Auditor to the investment adviser and other entities in the Fund Complex, which were not pre-approved, are compatible with maintaining the Auditor's independence;
- review the written certification regarding the independence requirements applicable to the Auditor as set forth in section 2 above to satisfy itself that the Auditor is independent under the standards set forth therein;
- require the Auditor to report quarterly to the Audit Committee: (a) all critical accounting policies and practices; (b) any changes in accounting or auditing procedures, principles, practices, standards or financial reporting; (c) any alternative treatments of financial information within generally accepted accounting principles that the Auditor has discussed with management, the ramifications of the use of any such alternative treatment or disclosure, and the treatment preferred by the Auditor; (d) any material issues raised by the most recent internal quality-control review, PCAOB or peer review, of the Auditor, or by inquiry or investigation by governmental or professional authorities, within the preceding five years, respecting one or more independent audits carried out by the Auditor, and any steps taken to deal with any such issue; (e) any other written communications between the Auditor and management, including any management letter or schedule of unadjusted differences; and (f) all non-audit services provided to a non-Fund entity in the Fund Complex which were not pre-approved and associated fees; provided that, if the report is not made within 90 days of the filing of a Fund's financial statements with the SEC, the Auditor shall provide an update of any changes;
- review and discuss with the Auditor: (a) matters required to be communicated by the Auditor to the Audit Committee pursuant to the Statement of Auditing Standards Nos. 61 and 90 and any other standards established by the PCAOB; including, without limitation, any adjustment to a Fund's financial statements recommended by the Auditor, or any other results of any audit; (b) any problems or difficulties encountered in the course of the audit; and (c) any areas of substantial risk in accurate reporting of financial results and operations of the Funds;
- review arrangements for annual and special audits and the scope of such audits with the Fund's independent accountants;
- review and discuss the Fund's audited financial statements with Fund management;
- review final drafts of closed-end Fund annual financial statements, discuss with management and the Auditor and decide whether to recommend that the statements, with or without any revisions, be included in the Fund's annual report;

- to cause to be prepared and to review and submit any report, including any recommendation of the Audit Committee, required by SEC rules to be included in the Fund's proxy statement;
- review legal and regulatory matters presented by counsel and the Fund's Auditor that may have a material impact on the Fund's financial statements;
- consider with the Auditor their comments with respect to the quality and adequacy of the Fund's accounting and financial reporting policies, practices and internal controls and management's responses thereto, including, without limitation, the effect on the Fund of any recommendation of changes in accounting principles or practices by management or the Auditor;
- receive reports from the principal executive officer and the principal financial officer, or persons performing similar functions, regarding: (i) all significant deficiencies in the design or operation of a Fund's internal controls that could adversely affect the Fund's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data and have identified for the Auditor any material weaknesses in internal controls; (ii) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves Fund management or other employees who have a significant role in the Fund's internal controls; and (iii) whether or not there were significant changes in the Fund's internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect the Fund's internal controls subsequent to the date of their evaluation, including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses;
- establish procedures for the confidential, anonymous submission by employees and officers of the Funds or their affiliates of concerns or complaints regarding any accounting, internal audit controls or audit matter and the retention of records related to the retention and treatment of such concerns in accordance with the requirements of the SOX Act;
- be informed of any (a) disagreements and (b) resolutions to such disagreements between management of a Fund and the Fund's Auditor regarding financial reporting;
- require inside and outside counsel to report to the Audit Committee evidence of any material violation of securities law or breach of fiduciary duty or similar violation by a Fund or any agent of a Fund; and
- perform such other functions consistent with this Audit Committee Charter, the Fund's Articles of Incorporation, the Fund's Declaration of Trust, the Fund's By-laws, or the Fund's partnership agreement, as applicable, and applicable law, as the Audit Committee or the Board deems necessary or appropriate.

5.02. Valuation

- develop a sufficient knowledge of the valuation process and of the Adviser's Valuation and Liquidity Procedures (the "Pricing Procedures") in order to carry out its responsibilities;

- review information provided by the Adviser or other advisers regarding industry developments in connection with valuation and pricing. The Committee may make recommendations to the Board of the Funds with respect to the Pricing Procedures based upon such review;
- review minutes of all monthly Adviser Valuation Committee and all Adviser Ad Hoc Valuation Committee meetings;
- review the reports described in the Pricing Procedures and other information from the Adviser Valuation Committee and Adviser Ad Hoc Valuation Committee regarding fair value determinations made pursuant to the Pricing Procedures. The Committee shall report to and make recommendations to the Board of the Funds in connection with such reports;
- review and recommend to the Board any proposed amendments to the Pricing Procedures;
- meet at least annually to review the pricing procedures and methodologies utilized in the valuation of portfolio securities of the Funds; and
- review, as the Committee is informed by the Adviser, (a) any material changes in the pricing services and/or methodology utilized by a pricing service retained by the Funds and/or (b) any issue or significant problems that may have arisen.

5.03. Authority to Engage Independent Counsel and Advisers

The Audit Committee is authorized to: (a) engage independent counsel, which may also be counsel to the Funds' independent Directors/Trustees, and other advisers, as it determines to be necessary to carry out its duties; and (b) require the Funds to provide appropriate funding, as determined by the Audit Committee, for payment of compensation to the Auditor, the independent counsel and other advisers.

5.04. Scope of Audit Committee Responsibility

In fulfilling their responsibilities under this Audit Committee Charter, it is recognized that members of the Audit Committee are not full-time employees of the Fund. As such, it is not the duty or responsibility of the Audit Committee or its members to conduct "field work" or other types of auditing or accounting reviews or procedures. Each member of the Audit Committee shall be entitled to rely on (i) the integrity of those persons and organizations inside and outside the Fund from which the Audit Committee receives information and (ii) the accuracy of the financial, valuation and other information provided to the Audit Committee by such persons or organizations, absent actual knowledge to the contrary (which actual knowledge shall be promptly reported to the Board).

Fund management is responsible for maintaining appropriate systems for accounting. The Auditor is responsible for conducting a proper audit of each Fund's financial statements and is ultimately accountable to the Audit Committee.

6. Meetings of the Audit Committee

The Audit Committee shall meet independently at each regularly scheduled Board meeting and at such other times as deemed appropriate by the Audit Committee but no less frequently than quarterly,

including to approve the scope of the proposed audit of a Fund's financial statements by the Auditors and to review the report of the Auditors following such audit. Members of the Audit Committee may participate in a meeting of the Audit Committee by means of conference call or similar communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in such meeting can hear each other.

7. Interim Actions by the Audit Committee

From time to time, the Audit Committee may delegate to the Chairperson or other designated Audit Committee member the responsibility to act, on an interim basis between meetings of the Audit Committee or Board, on audit and valuation related matters, including specifically, approval of annual financial statements, provided that the Audit Committee or Board is not required by this Charter or law to take such actions or is not prevented by this Charter or law from delegating such actions. Interim actions may be taken by written consent of the Audit Committee. All other interim actions by the Chairperson or his/her designee will be submitted for ratification at the next meeting of the Audit Committee.

8. Minutes of Meetings; Reporting the Board

The Audit Committee shall cause to be made and kept minutes of its meetings. The Audit Committee shall report to the Board its activities, findings and recommendations.

9. Review of Charter

The Audit Committee shall review this Audit Committee Charter at least annually, and shall recommend any changes to the Board. This Audit Committee Charter may be amended only by the Board, with the approval of a majority of the independent Directors/Trustees.

**AUDIT COMMITTEE
AUDIT AND NON-AUDIT SERVICES
PRE-APPROVAL POLICY AND PROCEDURES
OF THE
MORGAN STANLEY RETAIL AND INSTITUTIONAL FUNDS
AS ADOPTED AND AMENDED JULY 23, 2004,²**

1. Statement of Principles

The Audit Committee of the Board is required to review and, in its sole discretion, pre-approve all Covered Services to be provided by the Independent Auditors to the Fund and Covered Entities in order to assure that services performed by the Independent Auditors do not impair the auditor's independence from the Fund.

The SEC has issued rules specifying the types of services that an independent auditor may not provide to its audit client, as well as the audit committee's administration of the engagement of the independent auditor. The SEC's rules establish two different approaches to pre-approving services, which the SEC considers to be equally valid. Proposed services either: may be pre-approved without consideration of specific case-by-case services by the Audit Committee ("general pre-approval"); or require the specific pre-approval of the Audit Committee or its delegate ("specific pre-approval"). The Audit Committee believes that the combination of these two approaches in this Policy will result in an effective and efficient procedure to pre-approve services performed by the Independent Auditors. As set forth in this Policy, unless a type of service has received general pre-approval, it will require specific pre-approval by the Audit Committee (or by any member of the Audit Committee to which pre-approval authority has been delegated) if it is to be provided by the Independent Auditors. Any proposed services exceeding pre-approved cost levels or budgeted amounts will also require specific pre-approval by the Audit Committee.

The appendices to this Policy describe the Audit, Audit-related, Tax and All Other services that have the general pre-approval of the Audit Committee. The term of any general pre-approval is 12 months from the date of pre-approval, unless the Audit Committee considers and provides a different period and states otherwise. The Audit Committee will annually review and pre-approve the services that may be provided by the Independent Auditors without obtaining specific pre-approval from the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee will add to or subtract from the list of general pre-approved services from time to time, based on subsequent determinations.

The purpose of this Policy is to set forth the policy and procedures by which the Audit Committee intends to fulfill its responsibilities. It does not delegate the Audit Committee's responsibilities to pre-approve services performed by the Independent Auditors to management.

The Fund's Independent Auditors have reviewed this Policy and believes that implementation of the Policy will not adversely affect the Independent Auditors' independence.

² This Audit Committee Audit and Non-Audit Services Pre-Approval Policy and Procedures (the "Policy"), adopted as of the date above, supersedes and replaces all prior versions that may have been adopted from time to time.

2. **Delegation**

As provided in the Act and the SEC's rules, the Audit Committee may delegate either type of pre-approval authority to one or more of its members. The member to whom such authority is delegated must report, for informational purposes only, any pre-approval decisions to the Audit Committee at its next scheduled meeting.

3. **Audit Services**

The annual Audit services engagement terms and fees are subject to the specific pre-approval of the Audit Committee. Audit services include the annual financial statement audit and other procedures required to be performed by the Independent Auditors to be able to form an opinion on the Fund's financial statements. These other procedures include information systems and procedural reviews and testing performed in order to understand and place reliance on the systems of internal control, and consultations relating to the audit. The Audit Committee will approve, if necessary, any changes in terms, conditions and fees resulting from changes in audit scope, Fund structure or other items.

In addition to the annual Audit services engagement approved by the Audit Committee, the Audit Committee may grant general pre-approval to other Audit services, which are those services that only the Independent Auditors reasonably can provide. Other Audit services may include statutory audits and services associated with SEC registration statements (on Forms N-1A, N-2, N-3, N-4, etc.), periodic reports and other documents filed with the SEC or other documents issued in connection with securities offerings.

The Audit Committee has pre-approved the Audit services in Appendix B.1. All other Audit services not listed in Appendix B.1 must be specifically pre-approved by the Audit Committee (or by any member of the Audit Committee to which pre-approval has been delegated).

4. **Audit-related Services**

Audit-related services are assurance and related services that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of the Fund's financial statements and, to the extent they are Covered Services, the Covered Entities or that are traditionally performed by the Independent Auditors. Because the Audit Committee believes that the provision of Audit-related services does not impair the independence of the auditor and is consistent with the SEC's rules on auditor independence, the Audit Committee may grant general pre-approval to Audit-related services. Audit-related services include, among others, accounting consultations related to accounting, financial reporting or disclosure matters not classified as "Audit services"; assistance with understanding and implementing new accounting and financial reporting guidance from rulemaking authorities; agreed-upon or expanded audit procedures related to accounting and/or billing records required to respond to or comply with financial, accounting or regulatory reporting matters; and assistance with internal control reporting requirements under Forms N-SAR and/or N-CSR.

The Audit Committee has pre-approved the Audit-related services in Appendix B.2. All other Audit-related services not listed in Appendix B.2 must be specifically pre-approved by the Audit Committee (or by any member of the Audit Committee to which pre-approval has been delegated).

5. **Tax Services**

The Audit Committee believes that the Independent Auditors can provide Tax services to the Fund and, to the extent they are Covered Services, the Covered Entities, such as tax compliance, tax

planning and tax advice without impairing the auditor's independence, and the SEC has stated that the Independent Auditors may provide such services.

Pursuant to the preceding paragraph, the Audit Committee has pre-approved the Tax Services in Appendix B.3. All Tax services in Appendix B.3 must be specifically pre-approved by the Audit Committee (or by any member of the Audit Committee to which pre-approval has been delegated).

6. All Other Services

The Audit Committee believes, based on the SEC's rules prohibiting the Independent Auditors from providing specific non-audit services, that other types of non-audit services are permitted. Accordingly, the Audit Committee believes it may grant general pre-approval to those permissible non-audit services classified as All Other services that it believes are routine and recurring services, would not impair the independence of the auditor and are consistent with the SEC's rules on auditor independence.

The Audit Committee has pre-approved the All Other services in Appendix B.4. Permissible All Other services not listed in Appendix B.4 must be specifically pre-approved by the Audit Committee (or by any member of the Audit Committee to which pre-approval has been delegated).

7. Pre-Approval Fee Levels or Budgeted Amounts

Pre-approval fee levels or budgeted amounts for all services to be provided by the Independent Auditors will be established annually by the Audit Committee. Any proposed services exceeding these levels or amounts will require specific pre-approval by the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee is mindful of the overall relationship of fees for audit and non-audit services in determining whether to pre-approve any such services.

8. Procedures

All requests or applications for services to be provided by the Independent Auditors that do not require specific approval by the Audit Committee will be submitted to the Fund's Chief Financial Officer and must include a detailed description of the services to be rendered. The Fund's Chief Financial Officer will determine whether such services are included within the list of services that have received the general pre-approval of the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee will be informed on a timely basis of any such services rendered by the Independent Auditors. Requests or applications to provide services that require specific approval by the Audit Committee will be submitted to the Audit Committee by both the Independent Auditors and the Fund's Chief Financial Officer, and must include a joint statement as to whether, in their view, the request or application is consistent with the SEC's rules on auditor independence.

The Audit Committee has designated the Fund's Chief Financial Officer to monitor the performance of all services provided by the Independent Auditors and to determine whether such services are in compliance with this Policy. The Fund's Chief Financial Officer will report to the Audit Committee on a periodic basis on the results of its monitoring. Both the Fund's Chief Financial Officer and management will immediately report to the chairman of the Audit Committee any breach of this Policy that comes to the attention of the Fund's Chief Financial Officer or any member of management.

9. Additional Requirements

The Audit Committee has determined to take additional measures on an annual basis to meet its responsibility to oversee the work of the Independent Auditors and to assure the auditor's independence

from the Fund, such as reviewing a formal written statement from the Independent Auditors delineating all relationships between the Independent Auditors and the Fund, consistent with the PCAOB's Ethics and Independence Rule 3526, and discussing with the Independent Auditors its methods and procedures for ensuring independence.

10. Covered Entities

Covered Entities include the Fund's investment adviser(s) and any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with the Fund's investment adviser(s) that provides ongoing services to the Fund(s). Beginning with non-audit service contracts entered into on or after May 6, 2003, the Fund's audit committee must pre-approve non-audit services provided not only to the Fund but also to the Covered Entities if the engagements relate directly to the operations and financial reporting of the Fund. This list of Covered Entities would include:

Morgan Stanley Retail Funds

Morgan Stanley Investment Advisors Inc.
Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated
Morgan Stanley DW Inc.
Morgan Stanley Investment Management Inc.
Morgan Stanley Investment Management Limited
Morgan Stanley Investment Management Private Limited
Morgan Stanley Asset & Investment Trust Management Co., Limited
Morgan Stanley Investment Management Company
Morgan Stanley Services Company, Inc.
Morgan Stanley Distributors Inc.
Morgan Stanley Trust FSB

Morgan Stanley Institutional Funds

Morgan Stanley Investment Management Inc.
Morgan Stanley Investment Advisors Inc.
Morgan Stanley Investment Management Limited
Morgan Stanley Investment Management Private Limited
Morgan Stanley Asset & Investment Trust Management Co., Limited
Morgan Stanley Investment Management Company
Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated
Morgan Stanley Distribution, Inc.
Morgan Stanley AIP GP LP
Morgan Stanley Alternative Investment Partners LP
Morgan Stanley Services Co.