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Additional information about Ancora Advisors, LLC is available on the SEC's website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov.

Ancora Advisors LLC is a registered investment advisor. Registration of an investment advisor does not imply a certain level of skill or training.

December 31, 2017

Material Changes

Material Changes Since the Last Update

The Securities and Exchange Commission adopted amendments to Part 2 of Form ADV effective October 2010. The newly revised Part 2 consists of Part 2A (the "Brochure") and Part 2B (the "Brochure Supplement"). Each update of the Brochure must now include a summary of all material changes since the last annual update.

Recommend Securities with Material Financial Interest

Joe Boehm was elected to the Board of Directors of Potbelly Corp. a public company that trades on the OTC market under trading symbol "PBPB".

This Brochure, dated December 31, 2017 replaces our Form ADV Part 2A dated December 31, 2016.

Full Brochure Availability

The Firm Brochure for Ancora Advisors LLC is available by contacting Jason Geers at (216) 825-4000 or by e-mail at JGeers@ancora.net or by visiting our web site at www.ancora.net/adv

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Advisory Business

Firm Description

Ancora Advisors, LLC is an investment advisor registered with the SEC. We specialize in customized portfolio management for individual investors, high net worth investors, investment companies (mutual funds), pooled investments (investment partnerships/investment limited partnerships), and institutions such as pension/profit sharing plans, corporations, charitable & "Not-for Profit" organizations, unions, and other investment advisers.

Principal Owners

On December 31, 2015, the shareholders of The Ancora Group, Inc. consummated a contribution transaction pursuant to which a newly-formed holding company, Ancora Holdings Inc., which will own directly or indirectly all of the equity interests of The Ancora Group Inc., Source Companies LLC and Inverness Holdings LLC. Ancora Advisors, LLC is wholly owned subsidiary of The Ancora Group, Inc., which is now a wholly owned subsidiary of Ancora Holdings Inc. Ancora Holdings Inc. is an employee-owned C-Corp. No employee owns over 25% of Ancora Holdings Inc.

Types of Advisory Services

At Ancora Advisors, LLC, our objective is to develop customized portfolios that meet the goals and objectives of our clients. We provide customized portfolio recommendations based on your investment parameters, time horizon, risk tolerance, and return objectives. We offer personal consultations where you may want advice on a particular issue in the area of finance and investments. We are available to consult on other matters, such as mergers acquisitions and other types of corporate finance. Our services may include both separately managed accounts (SMA) and selective allocations to our privately managed funds for qualified investors. Clients may impose reasonable restrictions on their SMAs.

If one or more of your accounts is a plan subject to ERISA we ask that you appoint Ancora Advisors, LLC as investment advisor for the purpose of ERISA. We will need to have copies of the trust agreement and any amendments governing the operation and administration of plan assets. We do not provide advice for assets outside the plan and will not vote proxies for securities held outside Ancora's portion of the plan. We ask that you take steps to name Ancora Advisors LLC as a fiduciary in the plan's ERISA fidelity bond covering the account. Ancora may also participate in class action suits on our client's behalf.

Tailored Relationships

Ancora Advisors, LLC will work with clients to make customized portfolios and provide advice for special situations and needs.

Client Assets

Ancora Advisors manages accounts primarily on a discretionary basis, but will advise on accounts on a non-discretionary basis under certain arrangements. As of December, 31, 2017, we managed \$2,903,015,010 in client assets on a discretionary basis and \$1,701,401,237 on a non-discretionary basis.

Fees and Compensation

Management fees are based on the value of assets managed and fees are calculated as a percentage of assets under management. Ancora Advisors reserves the right to waive fees and minimums in certain instances.

Ancora Advisors may receive performance based fees for its investment partnerships and certain specialized accounts. Please see the "Sharing of Capital Gains or Capital Appreciation" section of this document for more details.

Description

Fees are based upon the client's total relationship with Ancora Advisors. Holdings of mutual funds and investment partnerships where Ancora Advisors acts as the investment manager, to the fund itself, are excluded from client's separately managed account's quarterly billing values. Advisory fees are negotiable in certain instances. Some client's may pay higher or lower fees than shown below.

Equity Managed Strategies	Assets Under Management	Annual Advisory Fee
<i>Small-Mid Cap Core (SMID)</i> <i>Small Cap Core</i> <i>Mid Cap Core</i> <i>Micro Cap Value</i> <i>High-Yield Dividend</i>	Under 10 million	1.00%
	10 million to 20 million	0.90%
	20 million to 50 million	0.80%
	Over \$50 million	0.70%

Fixed Income Managed Strategies	Assets Under Management	Annual Advisory Fee
<i>Short Term – Taxable</i> <i>Intermediate Term - Taxable</i> <i>Aggregate - Taxable</i> <i>Intermediate Term - Tax Exempt</i>	On the first 1 million	0.75%
	On the next 2 million	0.50%
	On the next 2 million	0.40%
	On the next 5 million	0.30%
	On the next 10 million	0.20%
	Over \$20 million	Negotiable

Managed Allocation Strategies	Assets Under Management	Annual Advisory Fee
<i>Managed Allocation - Aggressive</i> <i>Managed Allocation - Moderate</i> <i>Managed Allocation - Conservative</i> <i>Balanced</i>	On the first 1 million	1.00%
	On the next 2 million	0.70%
	On the next 2 million	0.60%
	On the next 5 million	0.50%
	On the next 10 million	0.40%
	Over \$20 million	Negotiable

Ancora may reduce or waive its fees for organizations qualifying under 501C(3) of the IRS Code.

Minimum Fee \$1,000.00 per quarter

Fee Billing and Fees Paid in Advance

Fees are charged quarterly (1/4 of annual fee) in advance based upon the value of assets managed based valuations done by the client's custodian or other pricing services at the end of each calendar quarter.

When you sign your management agreement you may authorize Ancora Advisors to invoice your custodian or broker dealer to deduct your management fees. By signing this "Letter of Authorization" or similar document, you authorize your custodian to automatically deduct the management fees from your account and send them to Ancora Advisors. If your account does not have sufficient cash to or money market funds balance to cover the fees, you may deposit additional funds (subject to certain restrictions for IRA account and qualified retirement plan accounts) or make payment in an alternative method acceptable to Ancora Advisors. If you do not deposit additional funds into your account or make the payment in another manner, securities in your account will be sold in an amount sufficient to cover the fees due. Your account custodian or broker dealer statement will reflect the date and the amount deducted from your account.

If you elect to pay Ancora Advisors from an account outside of our management services, you will receive a quarterly invoice with instructions on where to mail your payment.

Clients that open accounts after the beginning of a quarter will be charged in arrears at the end of the quarter. This means you will receive two bills at the next quarter end. One bill for the portion of the quarter your money has been invested and a second bill for the quarter for their quarterly management fee consistent with all other customers.

Ancora Advisors does not typically charge prorated fees for funds that are deposited to an existing account during the quarter. Ancora Advisors, however, does reserve the right to charge prorated fees for funds deposited during the quarter. Ancora Advisors will return excess fees upon closure of a client account.

Other Fees and Charges

Our management fees are separate from charges assessed by third parties such as broker dealers, custodians and mutual fund companies. Brokerage and other transaction costs charged by broker dealers executing transactions and custodians maintaining your assets are in addition to the management fees and are not negotiable. Mutual funds, variable annuities and or other platforms may assess other fees and expenses such as 12b-1 fees or commissions in connection with the placement of your funds.

Terminating Advisory Services

Clients may terminate their advisory contract with Ancora Advisors in writing at any time. We recommend you use a mail service where a signed receipt is required. Fees will be refunded from the date written notice has been received through the end of the calendar quarter. Ancora Advisors may terminate relationships with clients, in writing, upon 30 days' notice and will refund fees through the end of the calendar quarter. Your death will not terminate the Investment Management Agreement or authority granted to Ancora Advisors until we have received actual written notification of your death nor will a transfer in ownership in Ancora Advisors (e.g. Ancora Advisors is sold).

Additional Compensation

Ancora Advisors does not receive any additional direct compensation from managed account clients other than the management fee. The firm may, however, receive indirect compensation or benefits from executing brokers and custodians for aggregating business with their firm. These benefits may include, but are not limited to, access to research, technology, and invitations to special events including conferences.

Some employees of Ancora Advisors are registered representatives of Inverness Securities LLC and First Allied Securities Inc., members FINRA/SIPC. Inverness Securities LLC is an affiliate of our firm. Our supervised persons may accept compensation for the sale of securities or other investment products, including distribution or 12b-1 fees from the sale of mutual funds.

Employees of Ancora Advisors that are also Registered Representatives of broker dealers may earn additional compensation for sales of securities and investment products to non-Ancora Advisor clients.

Employees of Ancora Advisors that are registered with the Ohio Department of Insurance may earn additional compensation for sales and referrals of insurance products through affiliated Insurance companies.

Performance-Based Fees & Side-by-Side Management

Sharing of Capital Gains or Capital Appreciation

As a general rule Ancora Advisors does not receive performance based fees – that is fees based on a share of the capital gains or appreciation of the assets of the client.

There are two exceptions to this policy. First, Ancora Advisors may potentially receive performance based fees for the performance of Merlin Partners LP, AAMAF LP, Ancora Catalyst Fund LP and Birchwald Partners LP. These are investment partnerships (investment partnership investments) that are purchased on a subscription basis and are only offered to prequalified investors. Typically, there are no side by side conflicts of interest because Ancora does not manage these strategies in any other non-performance based manner. Performance based fees may give investment managers incentive to make more speculative or riskier investments than accounts without performance based fees. The performance based fees for these investments are disclosed in the Confidential Private Offering Memorandum that each investor receives and should read carefully prior to investing.

The second instance whereby Ancora Advisors may earn fees based on a share of the capital gains or appreciation of the assets of the client, is a specifically targeted account holding a single security. These products are only available to large institutional investors, typically other Registered Investment Advisers.

Types of Clients

Description

Ancora Advisors, LLC provides investment advisor services for individual investors, high net worth investors, investment companies (mutual funds), pooled investments (investment partnerships/investment limited partnerships), and institutions such as pension/profit sharing plans, corporations, charitable & “Not-for Profit” organizations, unions and other investment advisers.

Account Minimums

Each client account must be a minimum of \$1 million unless related to other accounts which together total \$1 million. Ancora Advisors reserves the right to waive this minimum at its discretion.

Methods of Analysis, Investment Strategies and Risk of Loss

Methods of Analysis

Equity Methods of Analysis

Ancora's valuation screening focuses on two situations:

First, companies trading at a significant discount to their liquidation or going-concern value. Certain issues may trade below tangible book value. This can occur in times of broad market pessimism or Wall Street concentration with a company's near-term outlook. Other companies have hidden assets that are not reflected in the company's financial statements, such as investments in private companies or understated real estate values, which, if properly valued on the balance sheet, would result in the company trading at a discount to tangible book value. Ancora works to understand catalysts that will unlock the value of the target company's assets, although Ancora will also buy based on a company being too cheap to ignore.

Secondly, companies trading sufficiently below the calculation of intrinsic value based on Ancora's "Normalized Return" analysis to provide potential total return of 50% or more over a three year time horizon. Sell decisions are based on valuation, risk and portfolio guidelines. As individual stocks approach their intrinsic value and decline in their relative attractiveness, they become candidates for sale. Other sell decisions may occur because of deterioration in the fundamentals that supported the initial investment. Automatic sales are initiated as position exposures approach diversification guidelines. Proceeds from sales are reinvested in companies that are more attractively valued based on the purchase disciplines.

Fixed Income Methods of Analysis

Our Fixed Income strategy employs a top down approach with emphasis on sector allocation as our primary value added tool. We are primarily an up in quality manager emphasizing higher rated corporate issues and higher classes of structured products. We attempt to add value in security selection by emphasizing either smaller issues or less liquid issues which tend to not trade as efficiently as do benchmarked/index eligible holdings. Our research efforts in these names are internally generated and rely on various research sources including street generated research and other sources.

Our taxable fixed income approach utilizes all the investment grade debt market sectors. We do not utilize non-investment grade securities in any of our managed accounts. In addition, because of the risk adverse nature of our firm and the majority of the clients we represent, we restrict our fixed income buying to bonds rated A- or higher by one or more of the major rating agencies. By not buying BBB rated bonds we believe we have a "buffer zone" for potential downgrades of an issue before we would face a non-investment grade issue in our portfolios. If a bond is ultimately downgraded to non-investment grade (i.e. BB+/Ba1) a sale is not required. However, we do tend to error on the conservative side and will often sell while BBB if possible.

Ancora typically holds 30 to 80 positions and limits individual corporate issuers to no more than 3% of the portfolio and our typical duration profile is no more than or less than 20% above or below the duration of the applicable index.

Managed Allocation Methods of Analysis

Ancora Advisors, LLC has several models within its Managed Allocation strategy. The strategies make use of ETFs with low index tracking error, mutual funds (including the Ancora Family of mutual funds), bond and common stock to achieve true asset diversification across multiple asset classes including; Cash, Fixed Income, U.S. Equities, Non U.S. Equities, Real Assets and Liquid Alternatives. The various models are allocated a percentage to each asset class based on the client's need of Capital Preservation, Income or Capital Appreciation or the need to balance between these objectives.

As Ancora clients, you will have full transparency to see how we carefully select and monitor securities for your portfolio. We adjust client portfolios relative to the original models based on market conditions but work to ensure that the portfolio remains consistent with client goals, objectives and investment policy statements.

Investment Strategies

Ancora Advisors manages portfolios for clients in 13 separate categories:

Small-Mid Cap Core (SMID) - The Small-Mid Cap (SMID) strategy emphasizes equity investments in companies with market capitalizations between \$100 million and \$10 billion. This translates to approximately 3,000 listed stocks. The manager refines this universe to a portfolio of approximately 40-60 holdings focusing on companies that have strong franchise value but that may currently be out of favor, underfollowed companies that receive little Wall Street research attention and special situation investments that are frequently misunderstood by the market such as spinoffs and corporate restructurings. The objective of the fund is long term capital appreciation. *Risks include investment in smaller companies which are subject to larger price fluctuations and are typically less liquid.*

Small Cap Core - The Small Cap Core strategy emphasizes equity investments in companies with market capitalizations between \$100 million and \$2 billion, consistent with the companies within the Russell 2000 Index. This translates to approximately 2,500 listed stocks. The manager refines this universe to a portfolio of approximately 40-60 holdings focusing on companies that have strong franchise value but that may currently be out of favor, underfollowed companies that receive little Wall Street research attention and special situation investments that are frequently misunderstood by the market such as spinoffs and corporate restructurings. The objective of the fund is long term capital appreciation. *Risks include investment in smaller companies which are subject to larger price fluctuations and are typically less liquid.*

Mid Cap Core - The Mid Cap Core strategy emphasizes equity investments in companies with market capitalizations between \$2 billion and \$15 billion, consistent with the companies within the Russell Midcap Index. This translates to approximately 2,500 listed stocks. The manager refines this universe to a portfolio of approximately 40-60 holdings focusing on companies that have strong franchise value but that may currently be out of favor, underfollowed companies that receive little Wall Street research attention and special situation investments that are frequently misunderstood by the market such as

spinoffs and corporate restructurings. The objective of the fund is long term capital appreciation. *Risks include investment in smaller companies which are subject to larger price fluctuations and are typically less liquid.*

Micro Cap Value – The Micro Cap Strategy contains U.S. traded equities, which offer substantial returns with corresponding greater risks. Securities will tend to be of companies with "micro" and capitalizations typically less than \$500 million. *Risks include investment in smaller companies which are subject to larger price fluctuations and are typically less liquid.*

High-Yield Dividend – The High-Yield Dividend strategy contains primarily U.S. traded equities which offer an attractive dividend yield relative to the S&P 500. These companies tend to be well established with steady consistent earnings and dividend growth as well as stable cash flow. They also tend to have strong competitive positions in their key markets and typically have a market capitalization over \$2 billion. *Potential Risks include large companies with mature markets in very competitive industries and slow to adapt to competitive changes caused by technology and consumer preference*

Short Term - Taxable – The Short Term - Taxable Strategy seeks to provide a real return over a long period of time commensurate with the risk profile of the portfolio. The Short Term - Taxable Strategy pursues these objectives by investing primarily in income producing securities with a shorter duration profile with a maximum duration of 2.5 years. Securities held in this strategy should be investment grade credits with average credit quality ratings of single A or better. *Potential risks include declining prices due to rising interest rates and default by issuers*

Intermediate Term – Taxable – The Intermediate Term – Taxable Strategy seeks to provide a real return over a long period of time to commensurate with the risk profile of the portfolio. The Intermediate Term – Taxable Strategy pursues these objectives by investing primarily in income-producing securities across all sectors of the taxable investment grade markets. Securities held in this strategy should have an average credit quality rating of at least "A". The duration of these accounts should be somewhat in line with the duration of the Barclay's Intermediate Bond Index. *Potential risks include declining prices due to rising interest rates and default by issuers*

Aggregate – Taxable – The Aggregate – Taxable Strategy seeks to provide a real return over a long period of time to commensurate with the risk profile of the portfolio, and with a duration profile more in line with the Barclay's Aggregate Bond Index. The Aggregate – Taxable Strategy pursues these objectives by investing primarily in income-producing securities of primarily investment grade rated credits with an average credit quality rating of at least "A". *Potential risks include declining prices due to rising interest rates and default by issuers*

Intermediate Term – Tax Exempt – The Intermediate Term – Tax Exempt Strategy seeks to provide a real return over a long period of time to commensurate with the risk profile of the portfolio for tax-exempt portfolios. The Intermediate Term – Tax Exempt Strategy pursues these objectives by investing primarily in income-producing tax exempt municipal securities rated "A" or better by the major rating agencies. The duration profile of these accounts tend to be in line with the benchmark index which is the Merrill Lynch 1-10 year US municipal securities Index. *Potential risks include declining prices due to rising interest rates and default by issuers*

Managed Allocation – This strategy is targeted toward helping high net-worth individuals preserve, protect and grow their assets by utilizing traditional assets classes (large cap equities, small cap equities, bonds) while also incorporating additional asset classes such as real assets (commodities, REITs and infrastructure assets such as oil and gas pipeline operators) and alternative investments

(lower correlation, non-long only/hedged strategies) into client portfolios when appropriate. The purpose of including these additional asset classes is to generate a potentially more diversified pool of return streams through the use of active (individual stocks and mutual funds) and passive (ETFs) management. The strategy can further be divided into Aggressive, Moderate and Conservative allocations to cater to client's specific risk tolerances. *Potential Risks include a portfolio that may not keep pace with rising stock market indexes due to its vast diversification and ETFs may not keep pace with the index they are tracking due to fees within the fund and advisory fees.* .

***Hybrid Income** – The Hybrid Income Strategy, the strategy of the Ancora Income Fund, has an investment objective of obtaining a high level of income, with a secondary objective of capital appreciation in the value of its holdings. The Hybrid Income Strategy pursues these objectives by investing primarily in income-producing securities, including securities of closed-end funds having portfolios consisting primarily of income-producing securities, and equity securities. *Potential risks include declining prices due to rising interest rates and default by issuers.*

***Large Cap Value** – The Large Cap Value Strategy, the strategy of the Ancora Equity Fund, contains U.S. traded equities, with superior long-term total return potential. Securities in this strategy tend to be well-established, recognizable leaders in their industry with typical market capitalizations in excess of \$500 million. *Potential Risks include large companies with mature markets in very competitive industries and slow to adapt to competitive changes caused by technology and consumer preference.*

***All Cap Value** – The All Cap Value Strategy consists of the combination of Large Cap Value and Small Cap Value Strategies as defined above. Depending upon the best opportunities available, as perceived by the Ancora portfolio manager, portfolios at various times will consist of a greater weight being placed on one category over the other and vice versa. *Potential Risks include large companies with mature markets in very competitive industries and slow to adapt to competitive changes caused by technology and consumer preference. Smaller companies are subject to larger price fluctuations and are typically less liquid.*

***Denotes a management strategy generally only available through investment in The Ancora Family of Mutual Funds. Investors should carefully consider the investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses of the funds carefully before investing. This and other information are contained in the fund's prospectus**

Depending upon market conditions and the availability of attractive investment opportunities, Ancora may hold cash or money market funds in lieu of, or as part of each category.

Risk of Loss

Investing in securities involves risk of loss that you should be prepared to bear. Investment values will fluctuate both up and down, are subject to market volatility, and may be worth more or less than the original cost. All securities risk the loss of principal. In addition, while we believe our methodology and strategies will be profitable, there is no assurance this will always be the case.

While your brokerage account may allow margin transactions, we generally do not recommend the use of margin. We want you to understand the risks of margin transactions and recommend that you read your broker dealer's written disclosure document describing margin trading and its related risks. Some of our strategies may include option transactions. Here again, Ancora wants you to understand the risks involved when trading options and recommend that you read "Characteristics and Risks of Standardized Options"

published by the Options Clearing Corporation. Ancora would be happy to answer any questions you may have related to your account, margin or options.

Disciplinary Information

Legal and Disciplinary

SEC Registered Investment Advisors are required to disclose all material facts regarding any legal or disciplinary events that would be material to your evaluation of Ancora Advisors, LLC and the integrity of our management of your assets.

Ancora Advisors has no such information to report.

Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations

Broker-dealer or Registered Representative

Ancora Advisors, is affiliated with Inverness Securities Inc., a FINRA member broker dealer through common ownership. Some employees may be registered representatives of Inverness Securities. Ancora Advisors does not manage any accounts or direct any trades for managed accounts to Inverness Securities. Ancora Advisors does manage some portfolios for clients that are referred to the company by Inverness Securities, Inc. Some employees may be registered representatives of Inverness Securities, Inc. and may earn fees as described in the "Additional Compensation" section of this Brochure. No non-directed orders are placed through Inverness Securities, Inc.

Material Relationships or Arrangements within Financial Industry

Ancora Advisors serves as investment manager for the Ancora Trust (also known as the Ancora Family of Mutual Funds). Ancora Advisors' investment managers serve as portfolio managers for the Ancora Income Fund, Ancora/Thelen Small-Mid Cap Fund (as of 1/1/13), Ancora MicroCap Fund and the Ancora Special Opportunities Fund. In addition, Ancora Advisors' staff members serve as officers and/or provide services to the Ancora Trust. Ancora Advisors serves as the General Partner and investment manager to Merlin Partners LP, AAMAF LP, Ancora Catalyst Fund LP and Birchwald Partners LP. These entities are investment partnerships. In addition, Ancora Advisors is the general partner of Merlin Partners LP, AAMAF LP, Ancora Catalyst Fund LP and Birchwald Partners LP. Ancora Advisors is the majority owner of Ancora Retirement Plan Advisors Inc. a registrant investment Advisors. Ancora Advisors is the majority owner of Source Insurance. Ancora Advisors is affiliated by common ownership to Ancora Family Wealth Advisors.

Richard Barone is the principal owner of America Northcoast Securities, Arch Eagle Group, and Arch Eagle Insurance. He, along with others, purchased these entities from The Ancora Group on December 31, 2012.

Ancora Advisors acts as a sub-adviser for several Russell Funds.

Recommend or Select Other Investment Advisers

Ancora Advisors does not direct management services to outside advisers.

Code of Ethics, Participation or Interest in Client Transactions and Personal Trading

Code of Ethics

Ancora Advisors LLC has adopted a formal Code of Ethics. This Code of Ethics includes requirements to make sure that we meet our fiduciary responsibilities which include the following subjects:

- The adviser's fiduciary duty to its clients;
- Compliance with all applicable Federal Securities Laws;
- Reporting and review of personal securities transactions and holdings;
- Reporting of violations of the code; and
- The provision of the code to all supervised persons.

Ancora Advisors will provide a copy of our Code of Ethics to clients and prospective clients upon request. To obtain a copy contact Jason Geers at (216) 825-4000 or by e-mail at JGeers@ancora.net. All Ancora Advisors' employees are required to affirm our Code of Ethics at least annually.

Recommend Securities with Material Financial Interest

Denis Amato was elected to the Board of Directors of Mace Security International, Inc. a public company that trades under trading symbol "MACE". At the time of Mr. Amato's election to this Board of Director positions, accounts managed by Ancora Advisors LLC owned shares of Mace Security International, Inc. A conflict of interest may exist because; 1) Mr. Amato in his capacity as a Portfolio Manager for Ancora Advisors LLC has a fiduciary obligation to advisory clients and 2) as a Director for this company, Mr. Amato has an obligation to take action in the best interest of the company and their shareholders. In addition, there may be instances where Mr. Amato in his position as a Director could become knowledgeable of material non-public information. If this situation occurs, Mr. Amato as a Portfolio Manager of Ancora Advisors would be unable to purchase or sell securities related to MACE until that information would become public information (information that is available to the general public). These self-imposed black-out periods could

cause Ancora Advisors to miss market opportunities in MACE perceived to be available to investors of the general public.

Richard Barone was elected to the Board of Directors of Mace Security International, Inc. a public company that trades under trading symbol "MACE". At the time of Mr. Barone's election to these Board of Director positions, accounts managed by Ancora Advisors LLC owned shares of Mace Security International, Inc. A conflict of interest may exist because; 1) Mr. Barone in his capacity as a Portfolio Manager for Ancora Advisors LLC has a fiduciary obligation to advisory clients and 2) as a Director for this company, Mr. Barone has an obligation to take action in the best interest of the companies and their shareholders. In addition, there may be instances where Mr. Barone in his position as a Director could become knowledgeable of material non-public information. If this situation occurs, Mr. Barone as a Portfolio Manager of Ancora would be unable to purchase or sell securities related to MACE until that information would become public information (information that is available to the general public). These self-imposed black-out periods could cause Ancora to miss market opportunities in MACE perceived to be available to investors of the general public.

Frederick DiSanto was elected to the Board of Directors of Edgewater Technology Inc. symbol "EDGW", The Eastern Company symbol "EML", and Regional Brands Inc. symbol "RGBD". A conflict of interest may exist because; 1) Mr. DiSanto in his capacity as a Chief Executive Officer for Ancora Advisors LLC has a fiduciary obligation to advisory clients and 2) as a Director for this company, Mr. DiSanto has an obligation to take action in the best interest of the company and their shareholders. In addition, there may be instances where Mr. DiSanto in his position as a Director could become knowledgeable of material non-public information. If this situation occurs, Ancora Advisors would be unable to purchase or sell securities related to these Corporation until that information would become public information (information that is available to the general public). These self-imposed black-out periods could cause Ancora Advisors to miss market opportunities in these Companies, perceived to be available to investors of the general public.

Brian Hopkins was elected to the Board of Directors of First Menasha Bancshares, Inc. a public company that trades on the OTC market under trading symbol "FMBJ" and Regional Brands Inc. symbol "RGBD". At the time of Mr. Hopkins' election to the Board of Directors, accounts managed by Ancora Advisors LLC owned shares of First Menasha Bancshares and Regional Brands Inc. A conflict of interest may exist because; 1) Mr. Hopkins in his capacity as a Portfolio Manager for Ancora Advisors LLC has a fiduciary obligation to advisory clients and 2) as a Director for this company, Mr. Hopkins has an obligation to take action in the best interest of the company and their shareholders. In addition, there may be instances where Mr. Hopkins in his position as a Director could become knowledgeable of material non-public information. If this situation occurs, Ancora Advisors would be unable to purchase or sell securities related to these companies until that information would become public information (information that is available to the general public). These self-imposed black-out periods could cause Ancora Advisors to miss market opportunities in these companies, perceived to be available to investors of the general public.

James Chadwick was elected to the Board of Directors of Imperial Holdings, Inc., which changed names to Emergent Capital Inc. in 2015, Riverview Bancorp Inc., and Stewart Information Services Corporation public companies that trades on the New York Stock Exchange under trading symbols "EMG", "RVSB" and "STC" respectively. At the time of Mr. Chadwick's election to the Board of Directors, accounts managed by Ancora Advisors LLC owned shares of Emergent Capital Inc., Riverview Bancorp and Stewart Information Services Corporation. A conflict of interest may exist because; 1) Mr. Chadwick in his capacity as a Portfolio Manager for Ancora Advisors LLC has a fiduciary obligation to advisory clients and 2) as a Director for these companies, Mr. Chadwick has an obligation to take action in the best interest of the company and their shareholders. In addition, there may be instances where Mr. Chadwick in his position as a Director could

become knowledgeable of material non-public information. If this situation occurs, Ancora Advisors would be unable to purchase or sell securities related to these companies until that information would become public information (information that is available to the general public). These self-imposed black-out periods could cause Ancora Advisors to miss market opportunities in these companies, perceived to be available to investors of the general public.

Jeff Anderson was elected a Directors of Regional Brands Inc. and First Citizens Financial Corp. Ancora has a management relationship with Regional Brands Inc. whereby it charges a fee and owns options in the company. A conflict of interest may exist because; 1) Mr. Anderson in his capacity as a Portfolio Manager for Ancora Advisors LLC has a fiduciary obligation to advisory clients and 2) as a Director for these companies, Mr. Anderson has an obligation to take action in the best interest of the company and their shareholders. In addition, there may be instances where Mr. Anderson in his position as a Director could become knowledgeable of material non-public information. If this situation occurs, Ancora Advisors would be unable to purchase or sell securities related to the companies until that information would become public information (information that is available to the general public). These self-imposed black-out periods could cause Ancora Advisors to miss market opportunities in these companies.

Joe Boehm was elected to the Board of Directors of Potbelly Corp. a public company that trades on the OTC market under trading symbol "PBPB". At the time of Mr. Boehm' election to the Board of Directors, accounts managed by Ancora Advisors LLC owned shares of Potbelly A conflict of interest may exist because; 1) Mr. Boehm in his capacity as a Portfolio Manager for Ancora Advisors LLC has a fiduciary obligation to advisory clients and 2) as a Director for this company, Mr. Boehm has an obligation to take action in the best interest of the company and their shareholders. In addition, there may be instances where Mr. Boehm in his position as a Director could become knowledgeable of material non-public information. If this situation occurs, Ancora would be unable to purchase or sell securities related to these companies until that information would become public information (information that is available to the general public). These self-imposed black-out periods could cause Ancora to miss market opportunities in these companies, perceived to be available to investors of the general public.

Invest in Same Securities Recommended to Clients

On occasion, Ancora employees may decide to transact in securities that are also transacted in client accounts or may transacted in securities in which a related person may have some financial interest. This practice could create a conflict of interest if the transactions are structured to impact the market after the employee has transacted in the security. Our Code of Ethics and Personal Securities Trading Policy stipulates that our employees, with limited exceptions, may not transact in securities three days prior to or three days subsequent to the firm transacting in such securities for its clients. Additionally, personal securities transactions for common stocks, ETFs, preferred stocks, ADRs, closed-end funds, options, IPOs, private placements and mutual funds for which an affiliate serves as the investment adviser or sub-adviser must be preapproved. Employee transactions are reviewed daily for compliance with firm policy.

Personal Trading Policies

Ancora Advisors has a formal Personal Securities Trading Policy. As part of this policy Ancora requires that our employees and affiliated persons submit all personal trading requests through our compliance software for approval prior to placing their personal transactions. Further, employees must also submit a Personal Securities Transaction Report quarterly and an Annual Holdings Report to the compliance

department to affirm that no trades were done outside of the firm's supervision. Other blackout period restrictions on securities due to client trades and MNPI may be in place and are monitored by compliance.

Cross Trading Policies

A cross trade is a pre-arranged transaction between two or more accounts, each of which managed by the same adviser. In some situations, the adviser may need to buy and sell the same security at substantially similar times and the adviser may determine that crossing the transaction is beneficial to both clients as opposed to exposing each individual trade to the current market. Ancora must always act in the best interests of both the buyer and seller in any such transaction.

Ancora may use an unaffiliated broker-dealer or custodian to cross investments and/or cash between Client accounts when such a transaction is advantageous for each participant. However, no accounts subject to ERISA may participate in such transactions.

Ancora may also use an affiliated broker-dealer to cross investments and/or cash between Client accounts when such a transaction is advantageous for each participant. No accounts subject to ERISA may be included in any cross trade.

- In addition to the procedures presented above, Ancora will follow additional procedures required by Rule 206(3)-2 under the Advisers Act when using an affiliated broker-dealer to cross assets and/or cash between Client Accounts. The additional procedures include:
 - Ancora will provide any Client that may participate in agency cross trades with full written disclosure that Ancora or an affiliate will act as broker for, receive commissions from, and have a potentially conflicting division of loyalties and responsibilities regarding, both parties to such transactions;
 - Any Clients that may participate in agency cross trades, after receiving full written disclosure, will execute written consent prospectively authorizing such transactions;
 - Ancora or its affiliate will send a written confirmation to any Client participating in an agency cross transaction that includes:
 - I. A statement of the nature of the transaction;
 - II. The date the transaction took place;
 - III. An offer to furnish, upon request, the time when the transaction took place, and;
 - IV. An offer to furnish, upon request, the source and amount of any other remuneration received or to be received by Ancora and its affiliates in connection with the transaction

Ancora or its affiliate(s) send to each Client, at least annually and as part of any written account statement or summary, a written disclosure statement identifying the total number of agency cross transactions since the date of the last such statement, as well as the total amount of all commissions or other remuneration received or to be received by Ancora and its affiliates in connection with such transactions.

Each written disclosure statement and confirmation sent in connection with agency cross trades must include a conspicuous statement that the Client's consent to such transactions may be revoked at any time by written notice to Ancora or its affiliates.

Brokerage Practices

Selecting Brokerage Firms

You are free to select any custodian / broker dealer for custody of your account.

Ancora Advisors has established relationships with Pershing, Charles Schwab, Fidelity and TD Ameritrade. Should you choose to place your assets at one of these brokerage firms, we will continue to be your primary source of contact for all account related needs.

If you choose a brokerage firm that we do not have a relationship with, Ancora Advisors will have limited capacity to service the account. Many services will have to be performed at the custodian directly.

Please refer back to the “Additional Compensation” section of this document for any potential conflicts when selecting your brokerage firm.

Research and Other Services

Ancora Advisors may direct brokerage for research in a “soft dollar” manner for any account in which brokerage was not directed by the client. However, most research is done internally and most non-directed trades are placed on the basis of execution quality and liquidity.

Ancora Advisors does not currently receive any other material benefits for directing brokerage.

Brokerage for Client Referrals

Ancora Advisors may engage in the practice of directing brokerage trades to outside broker dealers for capital introduction to our private funds. Ancora Advisors does not engage in the practice of directing brokerage trades to outside broker dealers for separately managed account clients.

Directed Brokerage

In some instances, Ancora Advisors may trade based on the client’s direction. In those instances clients request that trades are placed directly with the client’s custodian. In some cases, the client may direct us to trade the security with a certain brokerage firm and settle it with the client’s custodian as part of a COD transaction.

It is important to note that if you do not give Ancora Advisors discretion to direct trades, you may limit our ability to negotiate favorable commissions and seek best execution for trades in your account. You may also be excluded from block trades and average price transactions.

Order Aggregation

As part of Ancora's fiduciary duty to its clients, Ancora has an obligation to seek best price and execution for all trades, to trade assets in a manner that is fair to all clients, and to exercise diligence and care throughout the trading process.

Ancora Advisors will aggregate trades whenever it has the ability to do so. Ancora aims to place all non-directed trades for the same side in the same security with the same broker to aggregate orders and give all clients their pro-rata allocation of the trade at the same price. Ancora aims for a similar process for directed brokerage. All orders for the same side in the same security with the same directed broker will be aggregated and allocated pro-rata at the same price whenever possible. Ancora Advisors will place non-directed trades before directed trades. Directed trades are grouped together and traded on a rotational basis based on custodian. When placing Client transactions through multiple broker-dealers, a rotation schedule is used to be fair to all Clients over time. Typically, directed brokerage and non-directed brokerage orders cannot be combined.

Review of Accounts

Periodic Reviews

Portfolio Managers formally review each portfolio at least semi-annually. The frequency and level of review is determined by the complexity of your portfolio, changes in economic or market conditions, tax law and your individual situation. Portfolios are reviewed informally more frequently.

It is recommended that Investment Advisors meet with clients at least twice a year to review and go over their account(s) with them in person. If it is discovered that a change in the client's situation has materially affected the way we are currently managing their portfolio(s), we will obtain a "Style Change Form" immediately and update our records and management process to correspond to the changes.

We will base our management process on the original management agreement unless we are notified in writing of changes.

Review Triggers

Portfolio managers informally review portfolios at least monthly. When any security held by clients should be sold, accounts are reviewed immediately; either just prior to or after the security is sold. When any security is bought for clients, accounts are reviewed immediately; either prior to or just after the security is purchased.

Regular Reports

The broker dealer handling your account or custodian typically sends you monthly, but at least quarterly account statements. These Account statements show money balances, securities held in the account, investment values and transactions made. Ancora Advisors also sends out quarterly reports that include the same information noted above and other information such as performance of your investments. We encourage you to review and compare the brokerage account statements with your Ancora Advisors quarterly reports. If you see a discrepancy, please contact your investment representative and bring it to their attention.

Client Referrals and Other Compensation

Economic Benefits

Ancora Advisors does not receive any economic benefits or compensation for referring business other than described in the “Additional Compensation” section of this document.

Third Party Solicitors

We may pay individuals or other organizations (solicitors) for client referrals and to introduce potential clients to Ancora Advisors, LLC if the individual or organizations meet qualifications and have entered into a solicitation agreement with Ancora Advisors. Solicitors, typically, will only be used for obtaining clients for our investment limited partnership. Solicitors for investment limited partnerships must be properly registered with broker dealers. Solicitors may solicit clients for other products or services of Ancora Advisors, LLC. Compensation to the solicitor is a percentage of our management fees. The individual solicitor is required to provide a written statement describing the compensation paid to him/her or the organization they represent. A solicitor is not permitted to offer investment advice on behalf of Ancora Advisors. Clients obtained through this referral process do not pay higher fees than clients not obtained through referrals. This means that no additional fees or charges will be charged to the client because of the solicitor relationship.

Custody

Asset Custody

Under SEC Rule 206(4)-2, Ancora Advisors may be viewed for regulatory purposes as having custody of certain client assets due to Ancora Advisors’ ability to deduct fees directly from certain client accounts, and/or Ancora Advisors’ role as both investment advisor and general partner to Merlin Partners LP (an investment limited partnership), AAMAF LP (an investment limited partnership), Ancora Catalyst Fund LP (an investment limited partnership), or Birchwald Partners LP (an investment limited partnership).

Account Statements

The broker dealer handling your account or custodian typically sends you monthly, but at least quarterly account statements. These account statements show money balances, securities held in the account, investment values and transactions made. Ancora Advisors also sends out quarterly reports that include the same information noted above and other information such as performance of your investments. We

encourage you to review and compare the brokerage account statements with your Ancora Advisors quarterly reports. If you see a discrepancy, please contact your investment representative and bring it to their attention.

Investment Discretion

Discretionary Authority for Trading

Most clients give Ancora Advisors LLC discretion over the selection, amount and timing of securities to be bought and sold. This means that the portfolio manager or advisor representative may purchase or sell securities consistent with your investment objectives without contacting you prior to entering the transaction.

We also do consulting on a non-discretionary basis. Typically, these clients are institutions that have an internal management team, but may require help developing strategies and specialized reporting that we can provide to supplement their efforts.

Limited Power of Attorney

Investment authority may be subject to specific investment objectives and guidelines and/or conditions imposed by you. For example, you may specify that the investment in any particular stock or industry should not exceed specified percentages of the value of your portfolio or you may have restriction or prohibitions of transactions in the securities of a specific company industry such as no tobacco stocks. Please detail any such specifications or exception in writing prior to engaging our services.

Voting Client Securities

Proxy Voting

As a general rule, most clients will enter into an agreement with or take actions to direct proxies to Ancora Advisors to be voted. We have adopted a proxy voting policy which is reasonably designed to ensure that proxies are voted in the best interests of our clients, consistent with stated investment objectives, in accordance with our fiduciary duties and in accordance with SEC Rule 206(4)-6 of the Investment Advisors Act of 1940. Clients are also free to vote their own proxies as they see fit.

Proxies are an asset of our client's accounts and Ancora takes voting very seriously. Ancora will vote each proxy in accordance with its fiduciary duty to its Clients. Ancora will generally seek to vote proxies in a way that maximizes the value of Clients' assets. However, Ancora will document and abide by any specific proxy voting instructions conveyed by a Client with respect to that Client's securities. Ancora also offers clients the ability to vote in accordance with Taft-Hartley Guidelines. Clients may also retain the authority to vote proxies.

The proxy voting policy is premised on the following principles:

- maximization of each investment's return is the primary component of the client's best interests;
- good corporate governance will help maximize investment returns;
- increasing shareholder involvement in corporate governance will help maximize investment returns;
- antitakeover defenses inhibit maximization of investment returns; and
- self-dealing by or conflicts of interest of company insiders are not in the client's best interests.
- unless the client provides specific written instructions to Ancora Advisors, the advisor will vote proxies according to its policy under the authority granted by the client.

A copy of the firm's proxy voting procedures are available upon request. Clients may obtain information on how their proxies were voted and/or proxy voting procedures by writing the firm or contacting Jason Geers at (216) 825-4000 or by e-mail at JGeers@ancora.net to request this information.

Financial Information

Prepayment of Fees

Fees for your investment advisor services are generally charged quarterly in advance based upon the value of assets managed, with valuations done by the client's custodian or other pricing services at the end of each calendar quarter. We do not require more than one quarter of pre-paid fees.

Financial Condition

Ancora Advisors LLC has no financial commitment that impairs its ability to meet contractual and fiduciary commitments to clients.

Bankruptcy

Ancora Advisors LLC has not been subject to a bankruptcy proceeding.

Requirements for State-Registered Advisers

This item does not apply to Ancora Advisors LLC.



Material Changes

Material Changes Since the Last Update

The Securities and Exchange Commission adopted amendments to Part 2 of Form ADV effective October 2010. The newly revised Part 2 consists of Part 2A (the "Brochure") and Part 2B (the "Brochure Supplement"). Each update of the Brochure must now include a summary of all material changes since the last annual update.

Recommend Securities with Material Financial Interest

Joe Boehm was elected to the Board of Directors of Potbelly Corp. a public company that trades on the OTC market under trading symbol "PBPB".

This Brochure, dated December 31, 2017 replaces our Form ADV Part 2A dated December 31, 2016.

Full Brochure Availability

The Firm Brochure for Ancora Advisors LLC is available by contacting Jason Geers at (216) 825-4000 or by e-mail at JGeers@ancora.net or by visiting our web site at www.ancora.net/adv



**Brochure Supplement
(ADV Part 2B)**

Nicholas Koenigsknecht

January 1, 2018

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This brochure supplement provides information about Nicholas Koenigsknecht that supplements Ancora Advisors, LLC's (Ancora) firm brochure (ADV Part 2A). Please contact Mr. Jason Geers at jgeers@ancora.net if you did not receive Ancora's firm brochure or if you have any questions about the contents of this supplement.

Additional information about Nicholas Koenigsknecht is available on the SEC's website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov.

Educational Background & Business Experience

Name (Year of Birth) Nicholas Koenigsknecht (1988)
Formal Education University of Michigan, BA

FINRA licenses
Business Background Ancora Advisors LLC, Associate Equity Analyst, September 2014 - Present

Disciplinary Information

Legal or Disciplinary Events	No disclosure
Criminal or Civil Action	No disclosure
Administrative Proceeding	No disclosure
Self-Regulatory Organization Proceeding	No disclosure
Other Proceeding	No disclosure
Additional Information Regarding Disciplinary Events	No disclosure
Bankruptcy	No disclosure

Other Business Activities

Investment-related Activities
No information is applicable for this item.

Other Business or Occupation for Compensation
No disclosure

Additional Compensation

Economic Benefit
Mr. Koenigsknecht is a salaried employee with additional compensation opportunities provided based on revenues generated.

Supervision

Describe Supervision
The Chief Investment Officer, John Micklitsch (216-825-4000), is responsible for overseeing investment advisory activities. The Chief Compliance Officer, Mr. Jason Geers (216-593-5020), is responsible for overseeing personal security activity and monitors compliance with Ancora's Code of Ethics and Compliance Program.

Requirements for State-Registered Advisors

No information is applicable for this item.



**Brochure Supplement
(ADV Part 2B)**

Daniel G. Thelen

January 1, 2018

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This brochure supplement provides information about Daniel G. Thelen that supplements Ancora Advisors, LLC's (Ancora) firm brochure (ADV Part 2A). Please contact Mr. Jason Geers at jgeers@ancora.net if you did not receive Ancora's firm brochure or if you have any questions about the contents of this supplement.

Additional information about Daniel G. Thelen is available on the SEC's website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov.

Educational Background & Business Experience

Name (Year of Birth)	Daniel G. Thelen (1958)
Formal Education	Michigan State University, BA Michigan State University, MBA
FINRA licenses	7 & 63
Business Background	Ancora Advisors LLC, Managing Director, Portfolio Manager, September 2012 - Present

Disciplinary Information

Legal or Disciplinary Events	No disclosure
Criminal or Civil Action	No disclosure
Administrative Proceeding	No disclosure
Self-Regulatory Organization Proceeding	No disclosure
Other Proceeding	No disclosure
Additional Information Regarding Disciplinary Events	No disclosure
Bankruptcy	No disclosure

Other Business Activities

Investment-related Activities

Mr. Thelen is a registered representative of Inverness Securities LLC. When executing transaction in his capacity as a registered representative, Mr. Thelen may receive commissions from the sale of securities and investment products. Mr. Thelen may receive a portion of the distribution/service fees (trails) for the sale of mutual funds. This practice may give incentive to recommend investment products based on the compensation received rather than on the client's need. Ancora addresses this conflict of interest in that brokerage accounts handled by our representatives for commissions are not charged a management fee.

Other Business or Occupation for Compensation

No disclosure

Additional Compensation

Economic Benefit

Mr. Thelen is a salaried employee with additional compensation opportunities provided based on revenues generated.

Supervision

Describe Supervision

The Chief Investment Officer, John Micklitsch (216-825-4000), is responsible for overseeing investment advisory activities. The Chief Compliance Officer, Mr. Jason Geers (216-593-5020), is responsible for overseeing personal security activity and monitors compliance with Ancora's Code of Ethics and Compliance Program.

Requirements for State-Registered Advisors

No information is applicable for this item.

Disclosures: The Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA®) is a globally respected, graduate-level investment credential established in 1962 and awarded by CFA Institute – the largest global association of investment professionals. Prerequisite: A bachelor's degree or equivalent education/work experience, a passing score for the CFA Level I Exam or the self-administered Standards of Practice Examination, 48 months of professional work experience in investment decision making and three professional references.

Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) Series Licenses - Series 63—Uniform Securities Agent State Law, Prerequisite: None, Series 7 – General Securities Representative, Prerequisite: None.

FACTS	WHAT DOES ANCORA, WHOSE FAMILY OF COMPANIES INCLUDE ANCORA ADVISORS LLC, ANCORA FAMILY WEALTH ADVISORS, LLC, INVERNESS SECURITIES LLC & ANCORA RETIREMENT PLAN ADVISORS, INC., ("ANCORA") 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 may include, but is not limited to, the following:</p> <table> <tbody> <tr> <td>● Social security number</td><td>● Account Numbers</td></tr> <tr> <td>● Risk tolerance</td><td>● Wire transfer instructions</td></tr> <tr> <td>● Income</td><td>● Contact Information</td></tr> <tr> <td>● Transaction history</td><td>● Investment Experience</td></tr> <tr> <td>● Assets</td><td>● Account Balances</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	● Social security number	● Account Numbers	● Risk tolerance	● Wire transfer instructions	● Income	● Contact Information	● Transaction history	● Investment Experience	● Assets	● Account Balances
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HOW?	All financial companies need to share customers' personal information to run their everyday business. In the section below, we list the reasons financial companies can share their customers' personal information; the reasons Ancora chooses to share; and whether you can limit this sharing.										
Reasons we can share your personal information	Does Ancora Share?	Can you limit this sharing?									
For our everyday business purposes - such as to process your transactions, maintain your accounts(s) or respond to court orders and legal investigations.	Yes	No									
For our marketing purposes - to offer our products and services to you	Yes	No									
For joint marketing with other financial companies	Yes	No									
For our affiliates' everyday business purposes - information about your transactions and experiences	Yes	Yes									
For our affiliates' everyday business purposes – information about your creditworthiness	No	We don't share									
For our affiliates to market to you	Yes	Yes									
For non-affiliates to market to you	Yes	Yes									
Questions?	Call Jason Geers at 216.593.5020 or visit http://ancora.net/privacy_policy										

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Who we are

Ancora Holdings Inc.	<p>Ancora Holdings, Inc. is an employee owned, Cleveland, Ohio based holding company which wholly owns three separate and distinct SEC Registered Investment Advisers, Ancora Advisors, Inc., Ancora Family Wealth Advisors, LLC and Ancora Retirement Plan Advisors, Inc. and Inverness Securities LLC, a broker dealer.</p> <p>Ancora Advisors LLC specializes in customized portfolio management for individual investors, high net worth investors, investment companies (mutual funds), pooled investments (hedge funds/investment limited partnerships), and institutions such as pension/profit sharing plans, corporations, charitable & “Not-for Profit” organizations, and unions.</p> <p>Ancora Family Wealth Advisors, LLC is a leading, regional investment and wealth advisor managing assets on behalf families and high net-worth individuals.</p> <p>Ancora Retirement Plan Advisors, Inc. specialized in investment management services for retirement plans.</p> <p>Inverness Securities, LLC is a FINRA registered Broker Dealer.</p>
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What we do

How does Ancora protect my personal information?	<p>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.</p>
How does Ancora collect my personal information?	<p>We collect your personal information, for example, when you</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Enter into an investment advisory contract ▪ Seek financial advice ▪ Make deposits or withdrawals from your account ▪ Tell us about your investment or retirement portfolio ▪ Give us your employment history
Why can't I limit all sharing?	<p>Federal law gives you the right to limit only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ sharing for affiliates' everyday business purposes—information about your creditworthiness ▪ affiliates from using your information to market to you ▪ sharing for nonaffiliates to market to you <p>State laws and individual companies may give you additional rights to limit sharing.</p>

Definitions

Affiliates	<p>Companies related by common ownership or control. They can be financial and nonfinancial companies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Ancora does not share with our affiliates.</i>
Nonaffiliates	<p>Companies not related by common ownership or control. They can be financial and nonfinancial companies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Ancora does not share with nonaffiliates so they can market to you.</i>
Joint Marketing	<p>A formal agreement between nonaffiliated financial companies that together market financial products or services to you.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Ancora does not jointly market.</i>

PROXY VOTING AND CLASS ACTIONS

Background

In Proxy Voting by Investment Advisers, Advisers Act Release No. 2106 (January 31, 2003), the SEC noted that,

The federal securities laws do not specifically address how an adviser must exercise its proxy voting authority for its clients. Under the Advisers Act, however, an adviser is a fiduciary that owes each of its clients a duty of care and loyalty with respect to all services undertaken on the client's behalf, including proxy voting. The duty of care requires an adviser with proxy voting authority to monitor corporate events and to vote the proxies.

Rule 206(4)-6 under the Advisers Act requires each registered investment adviser that exercises proxy voting authority with respect to client securities to:

- Adopt and implement written policies and procedures reasonably designed to ensure that the adviser votes client securities in the clients' best interests. Such policies and procedures must address the manner in which the adviser will resolve material conflicts of interest that can arise during the proxy voting process;
- Disclose to clients how they may obtain information from the adviser about how the adviser voted with respect to their securities; and
- Describe to clients the adviser's proxy voting policies and procedures and, upon request, furnish a copy of the policies and procedures.

Additionally, paragraph (c)(2) of Rule 204-2 imposes additional recordkeeping requirements on investment advisers that execute proxy voting authority, as described in the *Maintenance of Books and Records* section of the Manual.

The Advisers Act lacks specific guidance regarding an adviser's duty to direct clients' participation in class actions. However, many investment advisers adopt policies and procedures regarding class actions.

Policies and Procedures

Proxy Voting

Proxies are assets of Clients that must be voted with diligence, care, and loyalty. Ancora will vote each proxy in accordance with its fiduciary duty to its Clients. Ancora will generally seek to vote proxies in a way that maximizes the value of Clients' assets. However, Ancora will document and abide by any specific proxy voting instructions conveyed by a Client with respect to that Client's securities. The Client Operations personnel ("Operations") coordinates Ancora's proxy voting process.

Clients may also retain the authority to vote proxies. If Ancora inadvertently receives any proxy materials on behalf of a Client in such instance, the Company will promptly forward such materials to the Client.

Paragraph (c)(ii) of Rule 204-2 under the Advisers Act requires Ancora to maintain certain books and records associated with its proxy voting policies and procedures. Ancora's recordkeeping obligations are

described in the *Maintenance of Books and Records* section of the Manual. Operations will ensure that Ancora complies with all applicable recordkeeping requirements associated with proxy voting.

Ancora has retained ISS Governance Services to provide a proxy voting system for casting votes, reporting (i.e., the Mutual Funds' Form N-PX filings), and for the retention of proxy statements and votes cast. The Company will generally utilize ISS's voting guidelines and recommendations when casting votes. However, the Company may also override such guidelines and recommendations on a case by case basis (e.g., when the Company, as shareholder, proposes an item for consideration on the proxy ballot). All votes cast will be in the Clients' best interests. Ancora will also offer the option for clients to choose the Taft Hartley voting guidelines. Those guidelines can be viewed in the Taft Hartley proxy voting supplement policy.

Investment professionals deviating from Ancora's policy must provide the CIO and CCO with a written explanation of the reason for the deviation, as well as a representation that the Employee and the Company are not conflicted in making the chosen voting decision. It is impossible to anticipate all material conflicts of interest that could arise in connection with proxy voting. The following examples are meant to help Employees identify potential conflicts:

- Ancora provides investment advice to a publicly traded company (an "Issuer"). Ancora receives a proxy solicitation from that Issuer, or from a competitor of that Issuer;
- Ancora provides investment advice to an officer or director of an Issuer. Ancora receives a proxy solicitation from that Issuer, or from a competitor of that Issuer;
- Ancora or an affiliate has a financial interest in the outcome of a proxy vote, such as when Ancora is asked to vote on a change in Rule 12b-1 fees paid by a mutual fund to investment advisers, including Ancora;
- An issuer or some other third party offers Ancora or an Employee compensation in exchange for voting a proxy in a particular way;
- An Employee is a member of the board of directors of an Issuer;
- An Employee, or a member of an Employee's household, has a personal or business relationship with an Issuer. Ancora receives a proxy solicitation from that Issuer; and
- Ancora or its Employees have a short position in an Issuer, but Clients have a long position in the same Issuer. Ancora receives a proxy solicitation from the Issuer.

If Ancora detects a material conflict of interest in connection with a proxy solicitation, the Company will abide by the following procedures:

- A Portfolio Manager will describe the proxy vote under consideration and identify the perceived conflict of interest. The Portfolio Manager will also propose the course of action that the Portfolio Manager believes is in Clients' best interests. The Portfolio Manager will inform the CIO and CCO why the Portfolio Manager believes that this course of action is most appropriate.
- The CIO and CCO will review any documentation associated with the proxy vote and evaluate the Portfolio Manager's proposal. The CIO and CCO may wish to consider, among other things:
 - A vote's likely short-term and long-term impact on the Issuer;
 - Whether the Issuer has responded to the subject of the proxy vote in some other manner;
 - Whether the issues raised by the proxy vote would be better handled by some other action by the government or the Issuer;
 - Whether implementation of the proxy proposal appears likely to achieve the proposal's stated objectives; and
 - Whether the Portfolio Manager's proposal appears consistent with Clients' best interests.

- After taking a reasonable amount of time to consider the Portfolio Manager’s proposal, the CIO and CCO will make a recommendation regarding the proxy vote. Operations will record each individual’s recommendation, and will then vote the proxy accordingly. If the CIO and CCO are unable to reach a unanimous decision regarding the proxy vote, Ancora will defer to the recommendation of ISS. Operations will retain documentation of ISS’s recommendation and will vote Clients’ proxies in accordance with that recommendation.
- Ancora will not neglect its proxy voting responsibilities, but the Company may abstain from voting if it deems that abstaining is in its Clients’ best interests. For example, Ancora may be unable to vote securities that have been lent by the custodian. Also, proxy voting in certain countries involves “share blocking,” which limits Ancora’s ability to sell the affected security during a blocking period that can last for several weeks. Ancora believes that the potential consequences of being unable to sell a security usually outweigh the benefits of participating in a proxy vote, so Ancora generally abstains from voting when share blocking is required. Operations will prepare and maintain memoranda describing the rationale for any instance in which Ancora does not vote a Client’s proxy.

The proxy voting system will receive information for all accounts and will reconcile all proxies received and votes cast. The system will retain the following information in connection with each proxy vote:

- The Issuer’s name;
- The security’s ticker symbol or CUSIP, as applicable;
- The shareholder meeting date;
- The number of shares that Ancora voted;
- A brief identification of the matter voted on;
- Whether the matter was proposed by the Issuer or a security-holder;
- Whether Ancora cast a vote;
- How Ancora cast its vote (for the proposal, against the proposal, or abstain); and
- Whether Ancora cast its vote with or against management.

If Ancora votes the same proxy in two directions, Operations will maintain documentation describing the reasons for each vote (e.g., Ancora believes that voting with management is in Clients’ best interests, but Client X gave specific instructions to vote against management).

Any attempt to influence the proxy voting process by Issuers or others not identified in these policies and procedures should be promptly reported to the CCO. Similarly, any Client’s attempt to influence proxy voting with respect to other Clients’ securities should be promptly reported to the CCO.

Proxies received after a Client terminates its advisory relationship with Ancora will not be voted. Operations will promptly return such proxies to the sender, along with a statement indicating that Ancora’s advisory relationship with the Client has terminated, and that future proxies should not be sent to Ancora.

The CIO will review these policies on at least an annual basis. The summary of Ancora’s proxy voting guidelines can be found below:

Voting Guidelines

Routine/Miscellaneous

Auditor Ratification

Vote for proposals to ratify auditors unless any of the following apply:

- An auditor has a financial interest in or association with the company, and is therefore not independent;
- There is reason to believe that the independent auditor has rendered an opinion that is neither accurate nor indicative of the company's financial position;
- Poor accounting practices are identified that rise to a serious level of concern, such as: fraud; misapplication of
- GAAP, or material weaknesses identified in Section 404 disclosures; or
- Fees for non-audit services ("Other" fees) are excessive.

Non-audit fees are excessive if:

- Non-audit ("other") fees > audit fees + audit-related fees + tax compliance/preparation fees

Board of Directors:

Voting on Director Nominees in Uncontested Elections

Four fundamental principles apply when determining votes on director nominees:

1. Accountability
2. Responsiveness
3. Composition
4. Independence

Generally vote for director nominees, except under the following circumstances:

1. Accountability

Vote against³ or withhold from the entire board of directors (except new nominees⁴, who should be considered case-by-case) for the following:

Problematic Takeover Defenses:

Classified Board Structure:

1.1. The board is classified, and a continuing director responsible for a problematic governance issue at the board/committee level that would warrant a withhold/against vote recommendation is not up for election. All appropriate nominees (except new) may be held accountable.

Director Performance Evaluation:

1.2. The board lacks accountability and oversight, coupled with sustained poor performance relative to peers. Sustained poor performance is measured by one- and three-year total shareholder returns in the bottom half of a company's four-digit GICS industry group (Russell 3000 companies only). Take into consideration the company's five-year total shareholder return and operational metrics. Problematic provisions include but are not limited to:

- A classified board structure;

³ In general, companies with a plurality vote standard use "Withhold" as the contrary vote option in director elections; companies with a majority vote standard use "Against". However, it will vary by company and the proxy must be checked to determine the valid contrary vote option for the particular company.

⁴ A "new nominee" is any current nominee who has not already been elected by shareholders and who joined the board after the problematic action in question transpired. If Ancora's proxy vendor cannot determine whether the nominee joined the board before or after the problematic action transpired, the nominee will be considered a "new nominee" if he or she joined the board within the 12 months prior to the upcoming shareholder meeting.

- A supermajority vote requirement;
- Either a plurality vote standard in uncontested director elections or a majority vote standard with no plurality carve-out for contested elections;
- The inability of shareholders to call special meetings;
- The inability of shareholders to act by written consent;
- A dual-class capital structure; and/or
- A non-shareholder-approved poison pill.

Poison Pills:

1.3. The company's poison pill has a "dead-hand" or "modified dead-hand" feature. Vote against or withhold from nominees every year until this feature is removed;

1.4. The board adopts a poison pill with a term of more than 12 months ("long-term pill"), or renews any existing pill, including any "short-term" pill (12 months or less), without shareholder approval. A commitment or policy that puts a newly adopted pill to a binding shareholder vote may potentially offset an adverse vote recommendation. Review such companies with classified boards every year, and such companies with annually elected boards at least once every three years, and vote against or withhold votes from all nominees if the company still maintains a non-shareholder-approved poison pill; or

1.5. The board makes a material adverse change to an existing poison pill without shareholder approval.

Vote case-by-case on all nominees if:

1.6. The board adopts a poison pill with a term of 12 months or less ("short-term pill") without shareholder approval, taking into account the following factors:

- The date of the pill's adoption relative to the date of the next meeting of shareholders—*i.e.* whether the company had time to put the pill on ballot for shareholder ratification given the circumstances;
- The issuer's rationale;
- The issuer's governance structure and practices; and
- The issuer's track record of accountability to shareholders.

Problematic Audit-Related Practices

Generally vote against or withhold from the members of the Audit Committee if:

1.7. The non-audit fees paid to the auditor are excessive (see discussion under "Auditor Ratification");

1.8. The company receives an adverse opinion on the company's financial statements from its auditor; or

1.9. There is persuasive evidence that the Audit Committee entered into an inappropriate indemnification agreement with its auditor that limits the ability of the company, or its shareholders, to pursue legitimate legal recourse against the audit firm.

Vote case-by-case on members of the Audit Committee, and potentially the full board, if:

1.10. Poor accounting practices are identified that rise to a level of serious concern, such as: fraud, misapplication of GAA; and material weaknesses identified in Section 404 disclosures. Examine the severity, breadth, chronological sequence, and duration, as well as the company's efforts at remediation or corrective actions, in determining whether withhold/against votes are warranted.

Problematic Compensation Practices/Pay for Performance Misalignment

In the absence of an Advisory Vote on Executive Compensation ballot item or in egregious situations, vote against or withhold from the members of the Compensation Committee, and potentially the full board, if:

- 1.11. There is a significant misalignment between CEO pay and company performance (pay for performance);
- 1.12. The company maintains significant problematic pay practices;
- 1.13. The board exhibits a significant level of poor communication and responsiveness to shareholders;
- 1.14. The company fails to submit one-time transfers of stock options to a shareholder vote; or
- 1.15. The company fails to fulfill the terms of a burn rate commitment made to shareholders.

Vote case-by-case on Compensation Committee members (or, in exceptional cases, the full board) and the Management Say-on-Pay proposal if:

- 1.16. The company's previous say-on-pay proposal received the support of less than 70 percent of votes cast, taking into account:
 - The company's response, including:
 - Disclosure of engagement efforts with major institutional investors regarding the issues that contributed to the low level of support;
 - Specific actions taken to address the issues that contributed to the low level of support;
 - Other recent compensation actions taken by the company;
 - Whether the issues raised are recurring or isolated;
 - The company's ownership structure; and
 - Whether the support level was less than 50 percent, which would warrant the highest degree of responsiveness.

Governance Failures

Under extraordinary circumstances, vote against or withhold from directors individually, committee members, or the entire board, due to:

- 1.17. Material failures of governance, stewardship, risk oversight⁵, or fiduciary responsibilities at the company;
- 1.18. Failure to replace management as appropriate; or

⁵ Examples of failure of risk oversight include, but are not limited to: bribery; large or serial fines or sanctions from regulatory bodies; significant adverse legal judgments or settlements; hedging of company stock; or significant pledging of company stock.

1.19. Egregious actions related to a director's service on other boards that raise substantial doubt about his or her ability to effectively oversee management and serve the best interests of shareholders at any company.

2. Responsiveness

Vote case-by-case on individual directors, committee members, or the entire board of directors, as appropriate, if:

2.1. The board failed to act on a shareholder proposal that received the support of a majority of the shares cast in the previous year. Factors that will be considered are:

- Disclosed outreach efforts by the board to shareholders in the wake of the vote;
- Rationale provided in the proxy statement for the level of implementation;
- The subject matter of the proposal;
- The level of support for and opposition to the resolution in past meetings;
- Actions taken by the board in response to the majority vote and its engagement with shareholders;
- The continuation of the underlying issue as a voting item on the ballot (as either shareholder or management proposals); and
- Other factors as appropriate.

2.2. The board failed to act on takeover offers where the majority of shares are tendered;

2.3. At the previous board election, any director received more than 50 percent withhold/against votes of the shares cast and the company has failed to address the issue(s) that caused the high withhold/against vote;

2.4. The board implements an advisory vote on executive compensation on a less frequent basis than the frequency that received the majority of votes cast at the most recent shareholder meeting at which shareholders voted on the say-on-pay frequency; or

2.5. The board implements an advisory vote on executive compensation on a less frequent basis than the frequency that received a plurality, but not a majority, of the votes cast at the most recent shareholder meeting at which shareholders voted on the say-on-pay frequency, taking into account:

- The board's rationale for selecting a frequency that is different from the frequency that received a plurality;
- The company's ownership structure and vote results;
- ISS' analysis of whether there are compensation concerns or a history of problematic compensation practices; and
- The previous year's support level on the company's say-on-pay proposal.

3. Composition

Attendance at Board and Committee Meetings:

3.1. Generally vote against or withhold from directors (except new nominees, who should be considered case-by-case⁶) who attend less than 75 percent of the aggregate of their board and committee meetings for the period for which they served, unless an acceptable reason for absences is disclosed in the proxy or another SEC filing. Acceptable reasons for director absences are generally limited to the following:

- Medical issues/illness;
- Family emergencies; and
- Missing only one meeting (when the total of all meetings is three or fewer).

3.2. If the proxy disclosure is unclear and insufficient to determine whether a director attended at least 75 percent of the aggregate of his/her board and committee meetings during his/her period of service, vote against or withhold from the director(s) in question.

Overboarded Directors:

Vote against or withhold from individual directors who:

3.3. Sit on more than six public company boards; or

3.4. Are CEOs of public companies who sit on the boards of more than two public companies besides their own—withhold only at their outside boards⁷.

4. Independence

Vote against or withhold from Inside Directors and Affiliated Outside Directors when:

4.1. The inside or affiliated outside director serves on any of the three key committees: audit, compensation, or nominating;

4.2. The company lacks an audit, compensation, or nominating committee so that the full board functions as that committee;

4.3. The company lacks a formal nominating committee, even if the board attests that the independent directors fulfill the functions of such a committee; or

4.4. Independent directors make up less than a majority of the directors.

Proxy Access

Ancora supports proxy access as an important shareholder right, one that is complementary to other best-practice corporate governance features. However, in the absence of a uniform standard, proposals to enact

⁶ For new nominees only, schedule conflicts due to commitments made prior to their appointment to the board are considered if disclosed in the proxy or another SEC filing.

⁷ Although all of a CEO's subsidiary boards will be counted as separate boards, Ancora will not recommend a withhold vote from the CEO of a parent company board or any of the controlled (>50 percent ownership) subsidiaries of that parent, but will do so at subsidiaries that are less than 50 percent controlled and boards outside the parent/subsidiary relationships.

proxy access may vary widely; as such, Ancora is not setting forth specific parameters at this time and will take a case-by-case approach in evaluating these proposals.

Vote case-by-case on proposals to enact proxy access, taking into account, among other factors:

- Company-specific factors; and
- Proposal-specific factors, including:
- The ownership thresholds proposed in the resolution (i.e., percentage and duration);
- The maximum proportion of directors that shareholders may nominate each year; and
- The method of determining which nominations should appear on the ballot if multiple shareholders submit nominations.

Proxy Contests—Voting for Director Nominees in Contested Elections

Vote case-by-case on the election of directors in contested elections, considering the following factors:

- Long-term financial performance of the target company relative to its industry;
- Management's track record;
- Background to the proxy contest;
- Nominee qualifications and any compensatory arrangements;
- Strategic plan of dissident slate and quality of critique against management;
- Likelihood that the proposed goals and objectives can be achieved (both slates); and
- Stock ownership positions.

When the addition of shareholder nominees to the management card ("proxy access nominees") results in a number of nominees on the management card which exceeds the number of seats available for election, vote case-by-case considering the same factors listed above.

Shareholder Rights & Defenses

Poison Pills- Management Proposals to Ratify Poison Pill

Vote case-by-case on management proposals on poison pill ratification, focusing on the features of the shareholder rights plan. Rights plans should contain the following attributes:

- No lower than a 20% trigger, flip-in or flip-over;
- A term of no more than three years;
- No dead-hand, slow-hand, no-hand or similar feature that limits the ability of a future board to redeem the pill;
- Shareholder redemption feature (qualifying offer clause); if the board refuses to redeem the pill 90 days after a qualifying offer is announced, 10 percent of the shares may call a special meeting or seek a written consent to vote on rescinding the pill.

In addition, the rationale for adopting the pill should be thoroughly explained by the company. In examining the request for the pill, take into consideration the company's existing governance structure, including: board independence, existing takeover defenses, and any problematic governance concerns.

Poison Pills- Management Proposals to Ratify a Pill to Preserve Net Operating Losses (NOLs)

Vote against proposals to adopt a poison pill for the stated purpose of protecting a company's net operating losses (NOL) if the term of the pill would exceed the shorter of three years and the exhaustion of the NOL.

Vote case-by-case on management proposals for poison pill ratification, considering the following factors, if the term of the pill would be the shorter of three years (or less) and the exhaustion of the NOL:

- The ownership threshold to transfer (NOL pills generally have a trigger slightly below 5 percent);
- The value of the NOLs;
- Shareholder protection mechanisms (sunset provision, or commitment to cause expiration of the pill upon exhaustion or expiration of NOLs);
- The company's existing governance structure including: board independence, existing takeover defenses, track record of responsiveness to shareholders, and any other problematic governance concerns; and
- Any other factors that may be applicable.

Shareholder Ability to Act by Written Consent

Generally vote against management and shareholder proposals to restrict or prohibit shareholders' ability to act by written consent.

Generally vote for management and shareholder proposals that provide shareholders with the ability to act by written consent, taking into account the following factors:

- Shareholders' current right to act by written consent;
- The consent threshold;
- The inclusion of exclusionary or prohibitive language;
- Investor ownership structure; and
- Shareholder support of, and management's response to, previous shareholder proposals.

Vote case-by-case on shareholder proposals if, in addition to the considerations above, the company has the following governance and antitakeover provisions:

- An unfettered⁸ right for shareholders to call special meetings at a 10 percent threshold;
- A majority vote standard in uncontested director elections;
- No non-shareholder-approved pill; and
- An annually elected board.

CAPITAL/RESTRUCTURING

Common Stock Authorization

Vote for proposals to increase the number of authorized common shares where the primary purpose of the increase is to issue shares in connection with a transaction on the same ballot that warrants support.

Vote against proposals at companies with more than one class of common stock to increase the number of authorized shares of the class of common stock that has superior voting rights.

⁸ "Unfettered" means no restrictions on agenda items, no restrictions on the number of shareholders who can group together to reach the 10 percent threshold, and only reasonable limits on when a meeting can be called: no greater than 30 days after the last annual meeting and no greater than 90 prior to the next annual meeting.

Vote against proposals to increase the number of authorized common shares if a vote for a reverse stock split on the same ballot is warranted despite the fact that the authorized shares would not be reduced proportionally.

Vote case-by-case on all other proposals to increase the number of shares of common stock authorized for issuance. Take into account company-specific factors that include, at a minimum, the following:

- Past Board Performance:
 - The company's use of authorized shares during the last three years
- The Current Request:
 - Disclosure in the proxy statement of the specific purposes of the proposed increase;
 - Disclosure in the proxy statement of specific and severe risks to shareholders of not approving the request;
 - The dilutive impact of the request as determined by an allowable increase (typically 100 percent of existing authorized shares) that reflects the company's need for shares and total shareholder returns.

Dual Class Structure

Generally vote against proposals to create a new class of common stock, unless:

- The company discloses a compelling rationale for the dual-class capital structure, such as:
- The company's auditor has concluded that there is substantial doubt about the company's ability to continue as a going concern; or
- The new class of shares will be transitory;
- The new class is intended for financing purposes with minimal or no dilution to current shareholders in both the short term and long term; and
- The new class is not designed to preserve or increase the voting power of an insider or significant shareholder.

Preferred Stock Authorization

Vote for proposals to increase the number of authorized preferred shares where the primary purpose of the increase is to issue shares in connection with a transaction on the same ballot that warrants support.

Vote against proposals at companies with more than one class or series of preferred stock to increase the number of authorized shares of the class or series of preferred stock that has superior voting rights.

Vote case-by-case on all other proposals to increase the number of shares of preferred stock authorized for issuance. Take into account company-specific factors that include, at a minimum, the following:

- Past Board Performance:
 - The company's use of authorized preferred shares during the last three years
- The Current Request:
 - Disclosure in the proxy statement of the specific purposes for the proposed increase;
 - Disclosure in the proxy statement of specific and severe risks to shareholders of not approving the request;

- In cases where the company has existing authorized preferred stock, the dilutive impact of the request as determined by an allowable increase calculated by Ancora's proxy vendor, (typically 100 percent of existing authorized shares), that reflects the company's need for shares and total shareholder returns; and
- Whether the shares requested are blank check preferred shares that can be used for antitakeover purposes.

Mergers and Acquisitions

Vote case-by-case on mergers and acquisitions. Review and evaluate the merits and drawbacks of the proposed transaction, balancing various and sometimes countervailing factors including:

- *Valuation* - Is the value to be received by the target shareholders (or paid by the acquirer) reasonable? While the fairness opinion may provide an initial starting point for assessing valuation reasonableness, emphasis is placed on the offer premium, market reaction and strategic rationale.
- *Market reaction* - How has the market responded to the proposed deal? A negative market reaction should cause closer scrutiny of a deal.
- *Strategic rationale* - Does the deal make sense strategically? From where is the value derived? Cost and revenue synergies should not be overly aggressive or optimistic, but reasonably achievable. Management should also have a favorable track record of successful integration of historical acquisitions.
- *Negotiations and process* - Were the terms of the transaction negotiated at arm's-length? Was the process fair and equitable? A fair process helps to ensure the best price for shareholders. Significant negotiation "wins" can also signify the deal makers' competency. The comprehensiveness of the sales process (e.g., full auction, partial auction, no auction) can also affect shareholder value.
- *Conflicts of interest* - Are insiders benefiting from the transaction disproportionately and inappropriately as compared to non-insider shareholders? As the result of potential conflicts, the directors and officers of the company may be more likely to vote to approve a merger than if they did not hold these interests. Consider whether these interests may have influenced these directors and officers to support or recommend the merger. The CIC figure presented in the "Transaction Summary" section of an ISS report is an aggregate figure that can in certain cases be a misleading indicator of the true value transfer from shareholders to insiders. Where such figure appears to be excessive, analyze the underlying assumptions to determine whether a potential conflict exists.
- *Governance* - Will the combined company have a better or worse governance profile than the current governance profiles of the respective parties to the transaction? If the governance profile is to change for the worse, the burden is on the company to prove that other issues (such as valuation) outweigh any deterioration in governance.

COMPENSATION

Executive Pay Evaluation

Underlying all evaluations are five global principles that most investors expect corporations to adhere to in designing and administering executive and director compensation programs:

1. Maintain appropriate pay-for-performance alignment, with emphasis on long-term shareholder value: This principle encompasses overall executive pay practices, which must be designed to attract, retain, and appropriately motivate the key employees who drive shareholder value creation over the long term. It will

take into consideration, among other factors, the link between pay and performance; the mix between fixed and variable pay; performance goals; and equity-based plan costs;

2. Avoid arrangements that risk “pay for failure”: This principle addresses the appropriateness of long or indefinite contracts, excessive severance packages, and guaranteed compensation;

3. Maintain an independent and effective compensation committee: This principle promotes oversight of executive pay programs by directors with appropriate skills, knowledge, experience, and a sound process for compensation decision-making (*e.g.*, including access to independent expertise and advice when needed);

4. Provide shareholders with clear, comprehensive compensation disclosures: This principle underscores the importance of informative and timely disclosures that enable shareholders to evaluate executive pay practices fully and fairly;

5. Avoid inappropriate pay to non-executive directors: This principle recognizes the interests of shareholders in ensuring that compensation to outside directors does not compromise their independence and ability to make appropriate judgments in overseeing managers’ pay and performance. At the market level, it may incorporate a variety of generally accepted best practices.

Advisory Votes on Executive Compensation—Management Proposals (Management Say-on-Pay)

Vote case-by-case on ballot items related to executive pay and practices, as well as certain aspects of outside director compensation.

Vote against Advisory Votes on Executive Compensation (Management Say-on-Pay—MSOP) if:

- There is a significant misalignment between CEO pay and company performance (pay for performance);
- The company maintains significant problematic pay practices;
- The board exhibits a significant level of poor communication and responsiveness to shareholders.

Vote against or withhold from the members of the Compensation Committee and potentially the full board if:

- There is no MSOP on the ballot, and an against vote on an MSOP is warranted due to a pay for performance misalignment, problematic pay practices, or the lack of adequate responsiveness on compensation issues raised previously, or a combination thereof;
- The board fails to respond adequately to a previous MSOP proposal that received less than 70 percent support of votes cast;
- The company has recently practiced or approved problematic pay practices, including option repricing or option backdating; or
- The situation is egregious.

Vote against an equity plan on the ballot if:

- A pay for performance misalignment is found, and a significant portion of the CEO’s misaligned pay is attributed to non-performance-based equity awards, taking into consideration:
 - Magnitude of pay misalignment;
 - Contribution of non-performance-based equity grants to overall pay; and

- The proportion of equity awards granted in the last three fiscal years concentrated at the named executive officer (NEO) level.

Primary Evaluation Factors for Executive Pay

Pay-for-Performance Evaluation

Ancora's proxy vendor annually conducts a pay-for-performance analysis to identify strong or satisfactory alignment between pay and performance over a sustained period. With respect to companies in the Russell 3000 index, this analysis considers the following:

1. Peer Group⁹ Alignment:
 - The degree of alignment between the company's annualized TSR rank and the CEO's annualized total pay rank within a peer group, each measured over a three-year period.
 - The multiple of the CEO's total pay relative to the peer group median.
2. Absolute Alignment – the absolute alignment between the trend in CEO pay and company TSR over the prior five fiscal years – i.e., the difference between the trend in annual pay changes and the trend in annualized TSR during the period.

If the above analysis demonstrates significant unsatisfactory long-term pay-for-performance alignment or, in the case of non-Russell 3000 index companies, misaligned pay and performance are otherwise suggested, our analysis may include any of the following qualitative factors, if they are relevant to the analysis to determine how various pay elements may work to encourage or to undermine long-term value creation and alignment with shareholder interests:

- The ratio of performance- to time-based equity awards;
- The overall ratio of performance-based compensation;
- The completeness of disclosure and rigor of performance goals;
- The company's peer group benchmarking practices;
- Actual results of financial/operational metrics, such as growth in revenue, profit, cash flow, etc., both absolute and relative to peers;
- Special circumstances related to, for example, a new CEO in the prior FY or anomalous equity grant practices (e.g., bi-annual awards);
- Realizable pay¹⁰ compared to grant pay; and
- Any other factors deemed relevant.

Problematic Pay Practices

The focus is on executive compensation practices that contravene the global pay principles, including:

- Problematic practices related to non-performance-based compensation elements;
- Incentives that may motivate excessive risk-taking; and
- Options Backdating.

⁹ The revised peer group is generally comprised of 14-24 companies that are selected using market cap, revenue (or assets for certain financial firms), GICS industry group and company's selected peers' GICS industry group with size constraints, via a process designed to select peers that are closest to the subject company in terms of revenue/assets and industry and also within a market cap bucket that is reflective of the company's.

¹⁰ Ancora's proxy vendor's research reports will include realizable pay for S&P1500 companies.

Problematic Pay Practices related to Non-Performance-Based Compensation Elements

Pay elements that are not directly based on performance are generally evaluated case-by-case considering the context of a company's overall pay program and demonstrated pay-for-performance philosophy. Ancora's proxy vendor will attempt to identify specific pay practices that have been identified as potentially problematic and may lead to negative recommendations if they are deemed to be inappropriate or unjustified relative to executive pay best practices. The list below highlights the problematic practices that carry significant weight in this overall consideration and may result in adverse vote recommendations:

- Repricing or replacing of underwater stock options/SARS without prior shareholder approval (including cash buyouts and voluntary surrender of underwater options);
- Excessive perquisites or tax gross-ups, including any gross-up related to a secular trust or restricted stock vesting;
- New or extended agreements that provide for:
 - CIC payments exceeding 3 times base salary and average/target/most recent bonus;
 - CIC severance payments without involuntary job loss or substantial diminution of duties ("single" or "modified single" triggers);
 - CIC payments with excise tax gross-ups (including "modified" gross-ups).

Incentives that may Motivate Excessive Risk-Taking

- Multi-year guaranteed bonuses;
- A single or common performance metric used for short- and long-term plans;
- Lucrative severance packages;
- High pay opportunities relative to industry peers;
- Disproportionate supplemental pensions; or
- Mega annual equity grants that provide unlimited upside with no downside risk.
- Factors that potentially mitigate the impact of risky incentives include rigorous claw-back provisions and robust stock ownership/holding guidelines.

Options Backdating

The following factors should be examined case-by-case to allow for distinctions to be made between "sloppy" plan administration versus deliberate action or fraud:

- Reason and motive for the options backdating issue, such as inadvertent vs. deliberate grant date changes;
- Duration of options backdating;
- Size of restatement due to options backdating;
- Corrective actions taken by the board or compensation committee, such as canceling or re-pricing backdated options, the recouping of option gains on backdated grants; and
- Adoption of a grant policy that prohibits backdating, and creates a fixed grant schedule or window period for equity grants in the future.

Board Communications and Responsiveness

Consider the following factors case-by-case when evaluating ballot items related to executive pay on the board's responsiveness to investor input and engagement on compensation issues:

- Failure to respond to majority-supported shareholder proposals on executive pay topics; or
- Failure to adequately respond to the company's previous say-on-pay proposal that received the support of less than 70 percent of votes cast, taking into account:
 - The company's response, including:
 - Disclosure of engagement efforts with major institutional investors regarding the issues that contributed to the low level of support;
 - Specific actions taken to address the issues that contributed to the low level of support;
 - Other recent compensation actions taken by the company;
 - Whether the issues raised are recurring or isolated;
 - The company's ownership structure; and
 - Whether the support level was less than 50 percent, which would warrant the highest degree of responsiveness.

Frequency of Advisory Vote on Executive Compensation ("Say When on Pay")

Vote for annual advisory votes on compensation, which provide the most consistent and clear communication channel for shareholder concerns about companies' executive pay programs.

Voting on Golden Parachutes in an Acquisition, Merger, Consolidation, or Proposed Sale

Vote case-by-case on say on Golden Parachute proposals, including consideration of existing change-in-control arrangements maintained with named executive officers rather than focusing primarily on new or extended arrangements.

Features that may result in an against recommendation include one or more of the following, depending on the number, magnitude, and/or timing of issue(s):

- Single- or modified-single-trigger cash severance;
- Single-trigger acceleration of unvested equity awards;
- Excessive cash severance (>3x base salary and bonus);
- Excise tax gross-ups triggered and payable (as opposed to a provision to provide excise tax gross-ups);
- Excessive golden parachute payments (on an absolute basis or as a percentage of transaction equity value); or
- Recent amendments that incorporate any problematic features (such as those above) or recent actions (such as extraordinary equity grants) that may make packages so attractive as to influence merger agreements that may not be in the best interests of shareholders; or
- The company's assertion that a proposed transaction is conditioned on shareholder approval of the golden parachute advisory vote.

Recent amendment(s) that incorporate problematic features will tend to carry more weight on the overall analysis. However, the presence of multiple legacy problematic features will also be closely scrutinized.

In cases where the golden parachute vote is incorporated into a company's advisory vote on compensation (management say-on-pay), Ancora's proxy vendor will evaluate the say-on-pay proposal in accordance with these guidelines, which may give higher weight to that component of the overall evaluation.

Equity-Based and Other Incentive Plans

Vote case-by-case on equity-based compensation plans. Vote against the equity plan if any of the following factors apply:

- The total cost of the company's equity plans is unreasonable;
- The plan expressly permits repricing;
- A pay-for-performance misalignment is found;
- The company's three year burn rate exceeds the burn rate cap of its industry group;
- The plan has a liberal change-of-control definition; or
- The plan is a vehicle for problematic pay practices.

Social/Environmental Issues

Global Approach

Issues covered under the policy include a wide range of topics, including consumer and product safety, environment and energy, labor standards and human rights, workplace and board diversity, and corporate political issues. While a variety of factors goes into each analysis, the overall principle guiding all vote recommendations focuses on how the proposal may enhance or protect shareholder value in either the short or long term.

Generally vote case-by-case, taking into consideration whether implementation of the proposal is likely to enhance or protect shareholder value, and, in addition, the following will also be considered:

- If the issues presented in the proposal are more appropriately or effectively dealt with through legislation or government regulation;
- If the company has already responded in an appropriate and sufficient manner to the issue(s) raised in the proposal;
- Whether the proposal's request is unduly burdensome (scope or timeframe) or overly prescriptive;
- The company's approach compared with any industry standard practices for addressing the issue(s) raised by the proposal;
- If the proposal requests increased disclosure or greater transparency, whether or not reasonable and sufficient information is currently available to shareholders from the company or from other publicly available sources; and
- If the proposal requests increased disclosure or greater transparency, whether or not implementation would reveal proprietary or confidential information that could place the company at a competitive disadvantage.

Political Activities

Lobbying

Vote case-by-case on proposals requesting information on a company's lobbying (including direct, indirect, and grassroots lobbying) activities, policies, or procedures, considering:

- The company's current disclosure of relevant lobbying policies, and management and board oversight;
- The company's disclosure regarding trade associations or other groups that it supports, or is a member of, that engage in lobbying activities; and
- Recent significant controversies, fines, or litigation regarding the company's lobbying-related activities.

Political Contributions

Generally vote for proposals requesting greater disclosure of a company's political contributions and trade association spending policies and activities, considering:

- The company's current disclosure of policies and oversight mechanisms related to its direct political contributions and payments to trade associations or other groups that may be used for political purposes, including information on the types of organizations supported and the business rationale for supporting these organizations; and
- Recent significant controversies, fines, or litigation related to the company's political contributions or political activities.

Vote against proposals barring a company from making political contributions. Businesses are affected by legislation at the federal, state, and local level; barring political contributions can put the company at a competitive disadvantage.

Vote against proposals to publish in newspapers and other media a company's political contributions. Such publications could present significant cost to the company without providing commensurate value to shareholders.

Political Ties

Generally vote against proposals asking a company to affirm political nonpartisanship in the workplace, so long as:

- There are no recent, significant controversies, fines, or litigation regarding the company's political contributions or trade association spending; and
- The company has procedures in place to ensure that employee contributions to company-sponsored political action committees (PACs) are strictly voluntary and prohibit coercion.

Vote against proposals asking for a list of company executives, directors, consultants, legal counsels, lobbyists, or investment bankers that have prior government service and whether such service had a bearing on the business of the company. Such a list would be burdensome to prepare without providing any meaningful information to shareholders.

8. Foreign Private Issuers Listed on U.S. Exchanges

Vote against (or withhold from) non-independent director nominees at companies which fail to meet the following criteria: a majority-independent board, and the presence of an audit, a compensation, and a nomination committee, each of which is entirely composed of independent directors.

Where the design and disclosure levels of equity compensation plans are comparable to those seen at U.S. companies, U.S. compensation policy will be used to evaluate the compensation plan proposals. Otherwise, they, and all other voting items, will be evaluated using the relevant regional or market proxy voting guidelines.

Class Actions

As a fiduciary, Ancora always seeks to act in Clients' best interests with good faith, loyalty, and due care. Portfolio Managers will determine whether Clients will (a) participate in a recovery achieved through a class action, or (b) opt out of the class action and separately pursue their own remedy. Operations oversees

the completion of Proof of Claim forms and any associated documentation, the submission of such documents to the claim administrator, and the receipt of any recovered monies. Operations will maintain documentation associated with Clients' participation in class actions.

Employees must notify the CCO if they are aware of any material conflict of interest associated with Clients' participation in class actions. The CIO and CCO will evaluate any such conflicts and determine an appropriate course of action for Ancora.

Ancora generally does not serve as the lead plaintiff in class actions because the costs of such participation typically exceed any extra benefits that accrue to lead plaintiffs.

Disclosures to Clients and Investors

Ancora includes a description of its policies and procedures regarding proxy voting and class actions in Part 2 of Form ADV, along with a statement that Clients and Investors can contact the CCO to obtain a copy of these policies and procedures and information about how Ancora voted with respect to the Client's securities.

Any request for information about proxy voting or class actions should be promptly forwarded to the CCO, who will respond to any such requests.

As a matter of policy, Ancora does not disclose how it expects to vote on upcoming proxies. Additionally, Ancora does not disclose the way it voted proxies to unaffiliated third parties without a legitimate need to know such information.

Mutual Fund Reporting

Please refer to the MF Manual for information concerning Mutual Fund proxy voting reporting requirements.