**APPLICATION TO BECOME AN INVESTOR**

**AFFILIATED WITH THE STANDARDS BOARD FOR ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENTS**

To:

Standards Board for Alternative Investments Limited

7 Henrietta Street

London, WC2E 8PS

United Kingdom

*Registered No. 6465317, England and Wales*

The Standards Board for Alternative Investments Limited ("**SBAI**") is a global alliance of asset managers and institutional investors dedicated to improving the alternative investment industry.

We, the [organisation/individual (*delete as appropriate*)] named below, wish to be affiliated with the SBAI and the Alternative Investment Standards (the Standards) by becoming a Member of the Investor Chapter ("**Investor Chapter Member**").

Upon acceptance of our application by the SBAI, we will become an Investor Chapter Member and as such will undertake to:

1. engage in the SBAI process to:
	* collaborate with global peers and asset management to improve industry outcomes through the SBAI working groups and communities
	* participate in consultation processes to improve the Standards
	* participate in the SBAI’s global educational events
	* Interact with the SBAI Board of Trustees, managers, and investors to provide recommendations for improving the standards.
	* improve the efficiency of due diligence and monitoring through standardisation of common processes
	* encourage fund managers to achieve conformity with the Standards and
	* integrate them in our due diligence process;
2. provide funding in the amount agreed towards the working capital of the SBAI on the date that the SBAI notify us of our acceptance as an Investor Chapter Member and each anniversary of such date thereafter (each a "**Contribution Date**).

Currently, the required contribution on each Contribution Date is

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| For institutional investors (e.g., pension funds, endowments, foundations, sovereign wealth funds) | 2,000 GBP |  |
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| For fund of funds, insurers | 5,000 GBP |  |
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| For those investors wishing to become a Core Supporter | 35,000 GBP |  |
| In exceptional circumstances, complimentary membership can be offered solely at the discretion of the SBAI |  |  |

The contribution amount will be reviewed by the SBAI annually and changes will be notified to all Investor Chapter Members in writing.

***Investor Chapter Member Participation***

We understand that the shareholders or members of the SBAI will be the Board of Trustees of the SBAI, and that as an Investor Chapter Member we will not be a shareholder or Member of the SBAI. As an Investor Chapter Member, we understand that we will only be entitled to:

1. attend the Annual General Assembly in London at which:
* the latest report and accounts of the SBAI will be laid;
* items of business relating to the Standards will be discussed with the Trustees; and
* commencing with the meeting held in 2011, the Stakeholders will consider and, if thought fit, indicate approval of the appointment or reappointment of Trustees who have been appointed or reappointed as Trustees at the annual general meeting of the SBAI in that year;
1. be mentioned in a public register of those investors who form part of the Investor Chapter.

***Application process***

The SBAI will consider all valid applications to become an Investor Chapter Member and will notify those accepted in writing formally as soon as practicable following receipt of this application form duly completed. Acceptance will be at the discretion of the SBAI. The SBAI may request further information regarding the applicant before making its decision.

***Ceasing to be an Investor Chapter Member***

We understand that The Board of Trustees of the SBAI, acting reasonably, but recognising that the final decision is at the Board’s sole discretion, may revoke their acceptance of us as an Investor Chapter Member at any time including without limitation in the event that we fail to comply with any of the undertakings given by us in this application. We can also elect to cease being an Investor Chapter Member at any time upon written notice to the SBAI. In the event that we do so cease to be an Investor Chapter Member, we will not hold ourselves out in any way as an Investor Chapter Member or as affiliated with the SBAI or the Standards in any way.

***Disclaimer***

No responsibility, duty of care or liability whatsoever (whether in contract or tort or otherwise including, but not limited to, negligence) is or will be accepted by the Standards Board for Alternative Investments Limited ("SBAI"), the Board of Trustees of the SBAI, any member of the SBAI's Investor Chapter (each an "Investor Chapter Member") or a Core Supporter of the SBAI to Signatories, investors or any other person in connection with the Standards or any Conformity Statement or Disclosure Statement made by any Signatory. A Core Supporter can be a Signatory to the Standards, a member of the SBAI’s Investor Chapter or an investment consultant.

Neither the SBAI nor its Board of Trustees is a regulator of the alternative investment industry and their role does not extend beyond being a custodian of the Standards. None of the SBAI, its Board of Trustees, the Investor Chapter Members and the Core Supporters will seek to enforce compliance with the Standards by Signatories. The fact that a manager is a Signatory to the Standards is not and should not be taken as an endorsement of such manager by the SBAI, the Board of Trustees, any Investor Chapter Member or any Core Supporter or as a representation by the SBAI, the Board of Trustees, any Investor Chapter Member or any other Core Supporter that such Signatory operates in conformity with the Standards. In determining whether to accept a manager's application to become a Signatory (or whether to revoke a manager's status as a signatory), the Board of Trustees is entitled to rely on the information provided to it by such manager without further investigation or verification. Further, subject to any duties a Trustee may have under applicable law, it is not envisaged, or expected, that a Trustee will when participating in any such decision of the Board of Trustees take into consideration information which it may possess otherwise than in its capacity as a Trustee. For the avoidance of doubt, Trustees act as individuals.

None of the SBAI, the Board of Trustees of the SBAI, the Investor Chapter Members and the other Core Supporters accept any responsibility or liability for any loss or damage caused to any person who acts or refrains from acting as a result of anything contained in or omitted from the Standards or any Conformity Statement or Disclosure Statement made by any Signatory or in reliance on the provisions of or material in the Standards or any Conformity Statement or Disclosure Statement made by any Signatory, whether such loss or damage is caused by negligence or otherwise.

***Use of Personal Data***

Any personal details which are provided to the SBAI will be used only for the purposes of contacting investors in connection with their status as an Investor Chapter Member or in connection with materials published by or events organised by the SBAI or by third parties**.**

***Governing Law***

This application form and our status as an Investor Chapter Member shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, English law.

Please complete the details below.

Name of Investor: ……………………………………………………………

Name of person duly authorised person signing this form: …………………………………..

Signature: ……………………….... Date: ………………………....

Please return this completed form to the SBAI at the address above.

We hereby accept this application.

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Duly authorised for and on behalf of

Standards Board for Alternative Investments Limited

Date: ………………………....